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Record scramble for college places

Lucy Ward Education Correspondent

Up to 80,000 extra students are expected to make last-minute applications for university this year in the rush to secure the last free college places before the introduction of tuition fees.

Predictions of the scale of the scramble for remaining unfilled laces came as it emerged that late applications received by the national university admissions body are already up by a third on last year.

The figure provides the first confirmation of early warnings by admissions officials of the likely effect of government plans to make graduates pay a minimum of £3,000 towards the cost of their studies. Students who had planned to delay a university career were now trying to "get in under the wire", Tony Higgins, chief ex-Colleges Admissions Service

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(UCAS), said last night. In a separate development, it emerged yesterday that more places in university could be funded out of the social security budget under radical reforms of the welfare system planned by Frank Field, the so-

cial security minister. Mr Field suggested that savings of 10 per cent on the £80bn social security budget could be made by devolving more decision-making over spending to local welfare offices.

Whitehall officials confirmed last night that ministers were looking at ways of providing the unemployed with a route from welfare into work and other opportunities, including universities and further education. Pavid Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education and Em**UCAS LISTINGS**

The Independent will be the only newspaper to carry

the full official **UCAS** clearance listings of university places. The first lists appear next Thursday

ployment, has played down fears of a late dash for places, insisting there will be no more of a scramble than in previous years.

Following the publication last month of the Dearing report on the future of higher educamunisters announced moves to scrap maintenance grants and introduce meanstested tuition fees.

The move prompted predictions by UCAS that some of the 19,000 school-leavers who have deferred a university place until 1998 in order to spend a year abroad or at work would scrap their plans and seek a place this September instead.

UCAS is now also bracing itself for a further flood of late applications from students who applied and qualified for university last year but decided not to take up a place. On the evidence of numbers in previous year who have later changed their minds, up to 23,000 wouldhe students could join the

scramble for places. As many as 48,000 more could come forward from the

whn left school without applying to university but have enough qualifications for entry. Tony Higgins, UCAS chief executive, said the total number of extra applicants could climb as

Candidates applying late for university pass through the clearing system, run by UCAS. The number of places available through clearing will not be known until A-level results are published next week, but last year there were 47,000 out of a total of 295,000 university places. The number of candidates who apply through the elearing system in a typical year cannot be measured, but it is certain that an extra 80,000 would dramatically increase competition for places.

As the first evidence of this year's rush emerges, admissions officials are already contemplating possible knock-on nects. Pears are oc that the scramble could lead to lower applications for entry in 1998, particularly in less popular subjects which may have a

bumper year this time. University admissions officers have already begun to report a rise in inquiries about vacancies, and careers services are also fielding bigh numbers of calls. Parents, fearful of being landed with tuition debts, are making inquiries over places available this year on behalf of their offspring,

careers advisers say. Students who have accepted deferred university places and seek to drop them in favour of entry this autumn are, in theory, opening themselves up to potential legal action from the institution, since they will bave broken a contract. In practice, however, it is unlikely that pool of 19- and 20-year-olds

Parched Britain? What a difference a year makes



Nicholas Schoon **Environment Correspondent**

The deluges of early August ruined thousands of holidays, flooded dozens of humes. washed out a major West Country road and drowned a farmer in Ireland. More downpours are forecast today and moaning about the weather has become completely legitimate.

A snaking band of rain about 100 miles wide hung over Engand, Wales and Ireland vesterday, stretching from the Pas de Calais to Limerick and shifting only slowly. Along its length intense downpours came and went, depositing as much as an entire summer month's worth of precipitation in a single day.

But by yesterday evening very little had landed on Essex and Suffolk Water's terrain, and the company said it had no plans to lift the nation's largest hosepipe and sprinkler ban,

eovering 1.7 million people. In the Irish Republic, a 67year-old farmer found dead in a flooded field was believed to have drowned after ahandoning his car in the dark near the Co Clare village of Ballyvaughan and slipping off a wall into water five feet deep.

Thousands of disappointed families abandoned their West universities will seek redress. | Country holidays after three

very wet days. Along motorways and major mads the combinatinn of heavy traffic and dangerous driving conditions slowed the flow to a bumper-tobumper erawl of cars and caravans. For a time, a 15mile-long line of traffic on the M5 between Weston-super-Mare and Avonmouth Bridge near Bristol came to a standstill.

All five of the region's counties from Gloucestershire to Cornwall have been deluged, aith south-west Wales. with fire-fighters having to pump out dozens of flooded homes and businesses. The Environment Agency last night issued 13 flood warnings for West Country rivers, and the A39 at Cannington near Bridg-water, Somerset, had its surface scoured off by the rush of flood-

Scattered heavy rain also fell in southern England with Crowborough, East Sussex getting 54mm in just three hours yesterday morning - the average for the whole of August . Rainfall in England and Wales overall was slightly below the long-term average in July, but June was the wettest since 1860. Sporting fixtures, shows and festivals were washed out and with more beavy rain forecast several big weekend events

a plume of warm, very moist air drifting eastwards from France. As it passes over Britain, lo-calised clumps are forced upwards and hen dump their water as they rapidly cool.

"It's a ribbon of warm air with violent updrafts," said an officer in the London Weather

ve-year-old killed in street shooting

Australia at The Oval in 1938 Lara's highest individual score Jayasuriya pass Lara's mark at in a partnership of 576, a record – when they reached 905 for 4. of 375, lifted as Aravinda de Sil- the R. Premadasa Stadium, for any wicket beating the 467 set

et is for real," said Manoj de happy that no one was doing any

Soyza, an accountant, who like work," said Dilan Ekanayake,

many, had stopped working to a stockbroker.

A five-year-old boy was killed and a man - believed to be bis father - was seriously injured in a shooting in a busy street in Bolton, Greater Manchester, last night.

Neighbours said the injured man and the boy were walking down Bankfield Street, when a yellow Mini-Metro pulled up alongside them. Three shors were fired - two of which were said to bave hit the boy. Early Historic Test innings puts a war on hold

As Sri Lankan cricketers set a

world record for most runs in

a Test innings yesterday, soldiers

in the war-torn north-east of the

country broke off from their 14-

year fight against Tamil Tiger

guerrillas, to gather around

Playing in the first Test

against India, Sri Lanka sailed

past the previous record - Eng-

land's 903 for 7 declared against

Niresh Eliatamby

Colombo

television sets.

reports of the incident were confused, but witnesses spoke of a man wearing a motorcycle helmet running off down a back alley. Police said they could not

confirm any details.

The dead boy and the injured man, were taken to Bolton General Infirmary where the man was said to be suffering from serious stomach wounds. "We got a call at 5.10pm. Our

paramedics crews arrived on the

scene to find that a five-year-old

child was dead," an ambulance

"For a few minutes, we al-

poral Tissa Kudabandara,

speaking on the telephone from

the eastern port city of Trin-

comalee. In the capital, Colom-

bo, Sri Lankans lit crackers

and work came to a standstill as

lier in the day when the local

The gloom which set in ear-

people celebrated.

most forgot the war," said Cor- Lanka past the old record.

short of the West Indian Brian work early, hoping to catch

Another spokesperson for the Greater Manchester Ambulance Service, Patrick Gormley, said the shooting took place during the rush hour in front of several witnesses, many of whom rang the emergency services. He said the child died from "massive head injuries".

We were able to get a male adult to hospital but he does have serious abdominal injuries," Mr Gormley said. "Our main priorities are now

va hit the boundary to take Sri

World Cup, we weren't taken se-

riously by the rest of the crick-

et world. But now, everyone can

see that Sri Lankan Test crick-

to watch the match on tele-

hero Sanath Jayasuriya fell vision. Many people came to Mahanama had been leg-before

"Even when we won the

service spokeswoman she said. looking after the crew who have witnessed what is a very traumatic incident," he said. Mary Cooper, a local resi-

dent, said she heard the shots and saw the man "hysterical in the middle of the road".
"I went out and put the little boy in the recovery position

and waited until the ambulance arrived," she said. "The boy had been shot twice in the back of the head but I didn't know the man had been

where entrance was free.

But Jayasuriya, who had only

50 runs to go from his overnight

326, spooned a catch to Saurav

Ganguly off the spinner Rajesh

Chauhan. People in my office

were sobbing. They were so un-

The veteran batsman Roshan

the previous ball, after hitting 225

shot at first. He was covered in

blood but I thought it was from as if he had been shot in his side the little boy. He was in a terrible state."

were in jeopardy.

It is believed the man and child lived in Jauncy Street, a few hundred yards from where the shooting took place.

Dennis Willett, 47, said: "1

was in my house watching TV when I heard three very loud bangs. It was the first time I had ever beard a gunshot. It was far louder than a car backfiring. "I rushed out and saw the father running around. He looked

for any wicket beating the 467 set

by New Zealand's Martin Crowe

and Andrew Jones at Wellington

But de Silva and his captain

Arjuna Ranatunga hit 175 runs

for the fourth wicket- before

Ranatunga departed for 86 -

bringing the record within

reach. De Silva and the new-

comer Mahela Jayawardena

Match report, page 20

The match was drawn.

coasted to the mark.

against Sri Lanka in 1991.

I saw the little lad lying in the road with a lot of people gathering around him. The police

were there within minutes." No motive for the killing was immediately obvious but crash belmets are sometimes used for disguise by professional underworld assassins.

The Daubhill area, where the shooting took place, is made up of densely built terraced streets on the outskirts of



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Unions warn of opposition over 'superteacher' plans

Teachers' leaders yesterday claimed that the Government risked losing the support of the profession if it boosted the pay of a new grade of "superteachers" hut failed to raise teaching salaries across the board. Their criticism, the most forceful yet directed at the Labour government by the profession, came as David Blunkett,

Labour government by the profession, came as David Bunkett, secretary of State for Education and Employment, unveiled the first details of a new rank of "edvanced skills teacher". In guidance to the School Teachers' Review Body, which makes recommendations on classroom pay, Mr Blunkett called for advice on how the "superteachers" might be rewarded.

The National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women

Teachers warned that the majority of teachers would oppose plans which would see "most held back so that a few get a fair deal".

Doug McAvoy, leader of the National Union of Teachers, said he was disappointed "that a government with education at the heart of its policies fails to recognise the need to lift the salary levels of the entire profession.

Fifth soldier charged over attack

A fifth British soldier was last night charged in connection with a savage attack on two Britons on holiday in Cyprus, police said. Four soldiers have already been hailed to reappear before a Cyprus court today on assault charges after the incident outside a nightclub in the resort of Ayia Napa at the weekeod.

After one of the victims, Barry Ford, 23, took part in an identity parade yesterday afternoon, a fifth soldier from the King's Regiment – Stuart Spencer, 20 – was also charged with causing grievous bodily harm. Mr Ford, from London, was left with cracked ribs, a hroken wrist and 15 stitches to a face wound. His friend, Shape Bell, 23, also wrist and 15 stitches to a face wound. His friend, Shane Bell, 23, also from London, had a metal plate inserted in his jaw.

Air show guards win race bias case

Two black security guards who were dismissed from the Farnborough Air Show after being told that "their faces did not fit" have won compensation for racial discrimination. Richard Francis and I Okoh were only allowed to work for one day for Reliance Security Services at last year's show for the aerospace industry. An industrial tribunal in Southampton awarded Mr Francis £1,315 in compensation and Mr Okoh won £1,420. Jason Bennetto

Disney casts cloud over Baddiel film



David Baddiel, the Fantasy Football host, is heading for a clash with film giant Disney over casting for his major new movie. Baddiel (left) has been paid e substantial undisclosed fee to write Forsaking All Others for millionaire Home Alone producer John Hughes.

The comedian wants an unknown actor to star in the picture but says Disney, the backers, want to cast a star. Baddiel, 33, who has completed the romantic comedy script,

said: "I think when you get into stars being in a film you get into a whole load of baggage because they say 'I can't do this because it conflicts with my image'. We'll have to see."

Haemophiliac boy's drugs victory

A 14-year-old haemophiliac has won his fight to receive treatment that could save his life. Jack Quarmby, from Mossley, Greater Manchester, was told in January that he would have to use a blood clotting agent which ran the risk of infecting him with potentially fatal viruses. He had been using the artificially-made anti-clotting agent Factor VIII, which is safer than Factor VIII derived from

human blood because it carries no virus.

But in January West Pennine Health Authority said it could no longer afford to pay for the artificial drugs because it is one-and-ahalf times more expensive. This week the health authority decided to restore supplies of the genetically-engineered drug, after a campaign by his family, its lawyers and the Haemophilia Society.

Detective made sex phone calls

A detective, who posed as a BT engineer in an elahorate ruse to bombard women with hundreds of sexually explicit phone calls, was placed oo probation yesterday. Magistrates at Basingstoke, Hampshire, were told that Delective Constable Ian Thomas, 37, would choose telephone numbers at random - and on one evening made more than 50 calls from the police station where he worked.

Thomas, of Farnborough, Hampshire, who has since resigned from the Hampshire Constabulary, admitted seven specimen charges of improper use of a telecommunications system. As well as being put on probation for two years, with an order that he undergo treatment on a sex offender's programme, he was also ordered to pay each of his six victims £75 compensation.

Sox springs back after keyhole on

Sox the sick springer spaniel was back on her feet minutes after undergoing pioneering keyhole surgery yeslerday. The pet was playing and wagging her tail after coming around from the two-and a half hour diagnostic operation. But her owners Frank Ainsworth, a veterinary surgeon, and his wife Julie, from Carltoo Colville, Suffolk, have been warned the prognosis is not good for several tumours were found on the 10-year-old animal's lungs.

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Jana Bennett: Only a handful of women have reached such ani influential position in TV

Top BBC job for woman who turned science into success

ana Bennett, the BBC's head of science, has been and Bennett, the BBC's head of science, has been appointed as its new Director of Production, making her one of the most powerful women in television. Ms Bennett will oversee the "biggest radio and where the strongest ideas and the best programmetelevision programme-making centre in Europe", the making talent are encouraged, developed and valued."

She has taken over from Alan Yentob, who becomes the BBC Director of Television, but the post has been reserved and interest to include more the programmes we make and the people and and interest to include more the programmes we make and the people

named and redrawn to include more business responsibilities, alongside creative and editorial ones.: Ms Berinett, married with a son and a daughter, be-

comes the most senior programme-maker at the BBC, and one of only a small number of women at her lev-As head of science, Ms Bennett was responsible for programmes including Antinal Hospital, Ice Mummies, Trust Me I'm A Doctor and Hortzon. Her programme Fermet's Last Theorem won a "best documentary" awars

from Bafta, as well as the Prix Italia this year. Since last September she has overseen the BBC's network: radio and World Service science units. In her new job, she will develop new BBC services, including digital chan-

nett also becomes deputy chief executive of produc- to be filled later this month. tion and a member of the BBC Board of Management.

BBC Production chief executive Ronald Neil said:

who make them," American-born Ms Bennett was educated at Bognor Comprehensive In West Sussex, Oxford University and the London School of Economics. She joined

the BBC as a news trainee in 1979 and worked in local, regional and national newsrooms, on Nationwide, The Money Programme, Newsnight and Panorama, going on to science and the editorship of Horizon. Mr Yentob said: "I am a great admirer of Jana Bennett. This is a terrific appointment for BBC Production

and for our radio and television networks." Mr Yentob took the job of director of television, overseeing BBC1, BBC2 and forthcoming digital services, when Michael Jackson left earlier this year to become head of Channel 4. Mr Jackson's departure also Chasen by the BBC Board of Governors, Ms Ben- a vacancy for Controller of BBC1, which is expected

Kate Watson-Smyth

No court martial for major who stirred class row

Tha Army yesterday refused to rule out e court martial for e major after he published a radical pamphlet accusing the force of perpetuating an outdated class system and criticising its rank structure.

But Army sources said yesterday that to court martial Major Eric Joyce (right) for speaking out would be seized on by the media, and therefore a prosecution was unlikaly. Furthermore, many people in the Army privately agree with what Major Joyce has been saying. With a strategic defence review and the new government's policy of unpracedented or annua on defence matters in the headlines, the Joyce case could become a political hot potato on the lines of the Dreyfus

affair in France 100 years ago. On Tuesday, the military police visited Major Joyce at his office at the Army Training and Recruitment Agency at Upavon, Wiltshire. They will prepare e report to be submitted to his commanding officer.

"Wa're not prepared to discuss his allegations," an Army spokesman said yesterday. "It's not an automatic court martial ... we are keeping all options open.

Major Joyce's Fabian Society pamphiet, Arms and the Man - Renewing the Armed Services, pub-lished on Monday, recommended Independent representation for service personnal, action on racial inequality, the end of the current



and other ranks and an end to tha forces' ban on gays. Most controversial was Major

Joyce's allegation that half the Army'a officers - and all the senior ones - were from among the 7 percent of the population who went to private schools. A very small number of soldiers are selected for officer training, but, Major joyce points out, the age limit is 21, while direct entry officers (80 percent of whilm ara graduates) are accepted up to the ege of 25. With large numbers of sergeants and sergeant majors now taking degrees, the logic behind this distinction has now broken down.

Christopher Bellamy

Ruby loses her sparkle for Corsa

Tha arch comedienne Ruby Wax has reached the end of the road

with Vauxhall. For the last two years the wisecracking American, known for har cruda on-camera behaviour and trademark red lipstick, has played a deliberately exaggerated version of herself in the Vauxhall Corsa ad-

But Wax's association with the car has now "run its course" and a "fresh approach" is required, according to the car firm.

David Raeside, spnkesman lor Vauxhall, said: "We are repositioning tha car and tha time has come for a fresh approach. Ruby has fulfilled her contract. She has been fantastic, but however successful campaigns are, we must move on

Wax, tha master of the irreverent Interview, has featured in six campaigna for the Corsa - Britain'a best-selling car last munth.

When the car was launched in 1993, supermodels were used, and the campaign sparkad complaints about exploitation of women. A series of new adverts will be

launched in the eutumn. Mr Raeside said: "We will be launching a new ad campaign which will be very interesting but it must be kept under wraps until

"We have to keep the powder dry until It'a launched to get as much impact as possible

Alexandra Williams

British aid worker is murdered in Hungary

A British man was murdered and his wife seriously injured when they were attacked by robbers during e trip to Eastern Europe to deliver aid and supplies. Michael Trevor Pollard, 62, from Shipley, West Yorkshire, and his wife, Sovalleare, were set upon after stopping their car in a lay-by in a Hungarian

The attackers, who confessed to carrying out the assault after being arrested, stole about £50 from the couple, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

Mr Pollard died as a result of his injuries, and his wife, 55, suffered a broken jaw and nose as well as facial and chest injuries. She was in intensive care last night and is due to he operated on today.

A local report said the coupla's car broke down in the town of Nylregyhaza, about 150 miles north-east of Budapest, while they were returning to Romania.

Mr Pollard, who was a pastor at the Emmanuel

Evangelical Church in Baildon, West Yorkshire, and his wife were taking privately collected aid aupplies to Christians in eastern Europe, as they have been doing for the last 19 years, when they were attacked. They were about 10 days into their four-week trip.

The couple's daughters, Rebecca, 24, and Tamar, 20, and their son Andrew, 18, were said to be "devastated" by the news and too upset to comment. The couple were in Frague, in the former Czechoslovakia, in 1968 when the Russian tanks rolled in and were so moved by the experience they had made annual visits to various eastern European countries

ever since. A neighbour of the Pollards, Angela Vicarman, said: "They were a lovely couple, they were married for about 30 years. I don't know how ahe will face the future without Michael, they were so close."

Kate Watson-Smyth

briefing

Justice system allows abusers to go unpunished

Criminals are getting away with abusing people with learning difficulties because the justice system does not take them seriously.

campaigners warned yesterday.

Nearly two thirds of social workers know a person with learning difficulties who has been a victim of crime, but, of the cases that difficulties who has been a victim of crime, but, of the cases that difficulties who has been a victim of crime, but, of the cases that reached court, only 15 per cent resulted in a conviction. A report reached court, only 15 per cent resulted in a conviction. by Community Care magazine said that many cases were dropped because the courts and the criminal justice system do not consider them as "real" crimes or the victims as "good witnesses".

The survey, which questioned 1,000 social workers, also revealed that the majority learner a narrow with learning difficulties who had

that the majority knew a person with learning difficulties who had been ebused by a someone from within an esteblishment. Of these cases, nearly 20 per cent were not referred for investigation.

The report coincides with the launch of the magazine's campaign of the problems I united for Papale with I agazing Difficulties — which

A Fair Dealing: Justice for People with Learning Difficulties — which calls for the Government to issue clear guidelines about how the police, Crown Prosecution Service, lawyers and judges, should deal with these cases.

NATURE

Is it a bird? No, it's a weasel

Weasels are the world's nimal high-jump champions, say scientists. A "predator Olympics" arranged by animal behaviour scientists at Victoria University, New Zealand found that stoats can jump to heights of 1.9m (6ft 3m) - outleaping ships' rats, cats and

possums.
The intention of the experiment was to decide how high and wide a planned native hird sanctuary in the city should be. The experiments involved e group of local would-be predators in what the scientists were happy to call "ground-breaking"

Ships' rats managed 1.7m, feral cats 1.5m and - just missing the bronze - wild possums 1.2m.

Eliminated early on were ferrets and Norway rats, defeated at 0.5m, while standard weasels and mice managed only 0.33m. However, getting in to a sanctuary doesn't necessarily require jumping. Another contest pitted various tunnelling animals ist each other - a challenge won by a Norway rat, which dug 0.6m along in the time limit.

PRISONS

Pregnant women suffer behind bars

The imprisonment of pregnant women should be outlawed, a penal affairs group claims today, in a report which condemns the

A survey by the Howard League of Britain's 15 designated women's prisons says found there were 60 pregnant inmates. approximately 3 per cent of the total female jail population. The League is calling for a drastic improvement in conditions for

those in the community. Ultimately, the group is seeking a total han oo prison sentences for pregnant female offenders. It is claimed that standards of care for pregnant women while incarcerated are inadequate, with a severe shortage of places in ... mother and haby units (MBUs).

these womeo, to ensure they receive a similar quality of care as

Expectant mothers do not necessarily have access to special foodstuffs, although extra milk is provided. While pregnant prisoners are not expected to undertake heavy duties, there is little

provision for exercise. As a result of the reported poor conditions, some female prisoners are failing to reveal their prognancies. One woman in Risely Prison recently gave birth in her cell, after successfully

hiding her pregnancy for more than three months. Louise Hancock

MOTORING

Garages that fail the MoT test

Many garages are failing to spot faults on defective cars, leaving drivers at the wheel of potentially dangerous vehicles, according to under-cover tests carried out by the Consumers' Association.

Only two of the 36 MoT test results assessed by Which?, the CA's magazine, and experts from the Department of Transport's

Vehicle Inspectorale, were judged to correctly carried out.

The investigation revealed that 75 per cent of all the tests were either "poor" or "very poor", in the experts' view.

Forthermore, half the garages failed cars that should have been

passed. Among the worst culprits was Quicks in Learnington Spa. a Rover franchised dealer, which missed the suspension problem oo a Rover 218, but failed other suspension components that did not need replacing. The dealership added to its mistakes by quoting £460 to sort out the car. Too many MoT lesters are missing failure points they should

spot, said Andrew Mcllwraith, senior editor with Which? "This is despite a Government review of the MOT after our last inspection in 1993 revealed poor standards, overall standards are still uoacceptable tow."

HEALTH

Sharing a bowl can cause ulcers

Eating meals with chopsticks from one large howl, as many Chinese families do, can spread the bacteria that cause 90 per cent of stomach ulcers, according to new research from Australia. A study of 328 Chinese men and womeo born outside Australia found that 60 per ceot of them had the Helicobacter pylori bacterium - twice the infection rate for white Australians.

Dr Tony Chow, of Mooash Medical Center in Melbourne, said the bacteria appearto he spread when people eat from a shared bowl of food, spreading saliva from their mouths to the food and each other with chopsticks. "There is a very strong association there," be said. H pylori is a spiral-shaped bacterium that burrows into the lining of the iotestinal tract.

The discovery in 1994 that these bacteria cause stomach ulcers was one of the most amazing medical breakthroughs of this generation. It overturned decades of conventional medical teaching that ulcers were caused by stress, coffee, spicy food or too much

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The soaring wages bill means many of England's best-known football clubs face going under along with those in the lower divisions

Spiralling wage costs and transfer fees threaten to plunge the frotball industry into a financial crisis. Many clubs, possibly including some to the Premier League, face going under, according to the latest annual review of football finance by the Deloitte & Touche recountancy firm.

Published just three days after

the new season's curtain-raising Charity Shield match at Wembky, the report warns that there is a widening gulf between the top football clubs and the also-raos. Clubs in lower divisions will find it increasingly difficult to survive as the Premier League continues to grow richer. Gerry Boon, Deloitte's editor of the report fears that players' wages

could spiral

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the revenue to support the wages it pays," he said yesterday.

The English game lost a staggering £98m last season, a sevenfold increase on the previous year. Almost three-quarters of Premier League clubs ended up in the red and Newcastle United lost £23.6m after splashing out on big name signings such as striker Alan Shearer, who became the world's most expensive player with a price tag of £15m. Manchester United apart, which is the UK's most profitable club, Premier League

teams lost an average of £4m each. Players' salaries are now increasing faster than ever before. Italian international Fabrizio Ravanelli is believed to be the highest-paid footballer in the country, picking up £42,000 a week from Middlesbrough, who were relegated from the lucrative Premier League last season. Dozens of other star names are negotiating huge pay rises, putting further pres-

sure on already overstretched finances. Dennis Bergkamp at Arsenal, for example, is thought to have just secured a film pay deal for the coming season

trol. "Rising wages are football's biggest and wages of more than £20,000 a week problem. Only the Premier League has are becoming commonplace. Deloitte estimates timates Premier League wages leapt by around 25 per cent last season, having

more than doubled in the last four years. Compared with modern-day players, former football stars earned a pittance. ly become Footballing legends such as Sir Stanley
Matthews and Tom Finoey, received a
maximum wage of £20 a week, equivalent to less than £245 in today's money

make it to which, itself, is even less than the current UK average wage of £346 a week.

Transfer fees have also spiralled and £93m of cash was spent on foreign play-ers in the 1995 6 season on the likes of Chelsea imports Jianluca Vialli and Franck Leboeuf.

The disparity in television revenues between Premier League and the low-er divisions is responsible for widening the gulf between the haves and the havenots of football. This season, Premier League clubs can expect to receive an average of £4m from TV deals, thanks to a new satellite contract with BSkyB. But the best-paid First Division club will receive just £1 m. The report says many clubs are spending large sums of mon"Some

clubs will almost certainseriously unthe Pre-

Wing: Earned £20 a week League said Nigel Hawkins, a football analyst with Yamaichi Bank.

■ The number of people arrested at football matches has fallen by more than a third during the past four years, figures

Stanley Matthews

England's Wizard of the

released yesterday reveal.

The National Criminal Intelligence Service said the drop came despite the highest attendance figures for five years. However, the total increased by 62 in the past year to 4,400 for 1996/7, but that was against a rise of 437,000 in the number of speciators.

Smaller clubs branch out

Michael Streeter

Football may be coming home. but is it going bust en route? Down at Dean Court, home of second division AFC Bournemouth, they know all about financial crises.

In January the Dorset club, founded in 1899, was put into receivership, owing £4.8m, with little chance of ever paying the money back.

Since then, however, a mini-revolution has taken place which may have implications for those Football League clubs which suffer from the "wealth gap" with the hig boys in the Premier

Bournemouth has re-

future; it has even had enough to huy a player from Inter Milan this week.

lts new chairman. Trevor Watkins, a local solicitor and fan, believes his club has seen the future. "The way ahead is to diversify into other areas, so that financially you do not just rely on football. Conference facilities, cinemas, you name it. This is a mini-revolution," he

However, despite rising gates and more money from television deals, the soaring costs of wage hills is threatening to cripple many clubs. In the last five years the salaries of players in the three lower divisions have risen by 63 per cent. Mr Watkins said Bourne-

mouth had been considering cheduled its debts, sold a signing a centre forward who player for £800,000 and ended up moving to a lower diorked out a viable plan for the vision side because he could-

earn more money. He recommends a solution which exists: with American football sides in the United States, where teams are capped on the total hill for their salaries. "If you had a cap say of £750,000 a year you would soon see who the best managers were;" he said.

The idea seems unlikely to catch on where players and agents are constantly trying to make a fast buck; the very best such as Ravanelli can earn up to £40,000 a week.

Chris Hull, spokesman for the Football League, which represents the lower divisions says that if the issue of players' salaries is not addressed, "there will be serious problems. There are many very generous benefactors who help out football clubs hut not even they can compete with the escalating

Clubs where wages exceed turnover

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Reading 108% Oxford Utd 109% Cambridge U	td 137%		
Ipswich Town 104% Brighton 101% Colchester U	td 131%		
Miliwall 102% Scarborough	103%		

The top earners

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That's death for 'This Life' as BBC dithers over show

It has been likened to a British version of Friends. In fact it is more like Friends on drugs with hormones out of control.

This Life, the television cult sensation of the year will leave its audience of 4.2 million on tenterbooks tonight, not knowing whether the ending of the second series will be the final curtain for the saga of twentysomething life.

The programme, which focases on a household of upwardly mobile, sexually free but fraught housemates, has leapt to the top of the BBC2 ratings. With its mixture of racy dialogue, drink, drugs, sex and career problems, confused men, feisty women and erratic slice-

controller Mark Thompson, private figures being studied at BBC2 show that the audience profile centres on twentysomethings, which the station has been desperate to attract. This Life was commissioned by Michael Jackson, now head of Channel 4, when he was BBC2

controller with the express purpose of attracting a younger audience to BBC2. But with no third series yet commissioned there has been speculation that the BBC might be carelessly about to lose one of its surprise hits.

BBC sources deny that the delay in announcing a third series has resulted in the loss of the stars. A number of the actors and actresses have taken on of-life camera-work to boot, it other work, hut none has ruled has won a devoted audience. out returning for a third series. yesterday: "Mark Thompson is said one source.

from holiday this weekend, has been in daily touch with his staff, and is determined that BBC2 will screen a third series. First, however he has to see scripts and storylines from World Productions, the independent production company that makes the programme. A spokeswoman there refused to comment, but it is understood that a new se-

ries is being prepared.

The éminence grise at World Productions is This Life executive producer, Tony Garnett. His pedigree goes back to Sixties clas-sics Cathy Come Home and Up The Junction. It may be something of an irony that the series hailed as accurately portraying twentysomething life has at its apex a 61-year-old.

A BBC spokeswoman said

asked World Productions to come up with storylines and we're waiting to see them. We are very anxious to have a third

However, that option could yet be denied them by Mr Garnett and his team. Tonight will reveal whether Miles, the barrister, marries his fiancée Francesca or goes off with Anna, the sexy, sardonic cocaine snorting Scot. If he marries, he will leave the shared house and possibly the series.

The writers could decide that the south London house, not its occupants, is the link between the different series, and it might benefit from new tenants.

The producers promise some hints tonight. "Keep your eyes peeled on the closing credits,"

Nomad on course for final frontier

Charles Arthur Science Editor

After the Moon Buggy and the Sojonmer Rover, meet Nomad the first of the next generation of extraterrestrial wanderers. The four-wheeled machine pietured here has recently completed a 133-mile six-week trek across the rugged Atacama desert of Chile, as preparation for field trips to Antarctica, the Moon and eventually Mars.

"It's a quantum leap for planctary robotics culture - the historical standard of travel was measured in yards, not miles" said William Whittaker of Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, who led the team of



scientists and engineers testing Nomad.

The vehicle is about the size of a small car, weighing 727 kilograms (1,600lbs) - substantialmore than the Sojourner Rover now carrying out exper-

iments as part of the Pathfinder mission on Mars, which weighs only about 14kg. It has four-wheel drive and all four aluminium wheels are steerable, while the chassis can expand to improve its stability in difficult terrain. It travels at about 1 mph. In remote surroundings, it would either be powered by solar cells or fossil fuel. It cost

about £1m to develop. Nomad is designed with twin colour cameras, allowing highresolution control of it by human observers. It also ran on its own for 12 miles, performing a geological examination of a rock outcrop - which turned out to be an undiscovered deposit from the Jurassic period.

all of our objectives for this project," said Dave Lavery, telerobotics project manager at the US space agency Nasa.

"During different phases we configured it to simulate wide-area exploration of the Moon, the search for past life on Mars, and the gathering of meteorite samples in the Antarctic. The latter would probably be

its first use, sometime in 1998 or 1999. A number of important meteorites have been found in the Antarctic - such as ALH 84001, discovered in 1984, which Nasa scientists last year said showed signs that there had once been past life on Mars.

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I know it's only rock'n'roll, but I don't like it

David Lister Arts News Editor

A woman who says she does not particularly like rock music has won thousands of pounds worth of rock memorabilia in a competition and now faces a hefty insurance bill for the minimuseum she will now have in

ber living room.

Julie Morris, 29, a manager
with an educational supplies unit

at the urging of her husband
(also not a rock fan) – won a competition on the Atlantic 252 radio station and earned as her prize the gold eagle from Michael Jackson's jacket, a per-

sonalised platinum Spice Girls disc, a keyboard from The Lightning Seeds, a pair of shoes from Boyzone, Gary Barlow's piano stool and Sheryl Crow's Fender Telecaster guitar.
A slightly bewildered Mrs

Morris said yesterday she liked middle-of-the-road music, and had a hankering for Wet Wet Wet. She had rearranged her living room in Swinton, Manchester, to put the Jackson eagle in its glass case neatly over the fireplace and Barlow's piano stool by the window. The Spice Girls disc went with the wallpaper -

sure it all," she sighed. "I'm

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slightly worried. It's a hit strange having all this in a three hedroom semi. I suppose I could always open a rock museum and charge people £3 an hour."

Henry Owen, station manager at Atlantic 252, added: "We al-ways try to come up with an idea that is a little off-the-wall and offer our audience something money can't huy. So as we interviewed each star we got a little something from them. The guitars alone are worth £2,500 each, so yes I suppose insurance is something that Julie will have to consider.

Other memorabilia that Mrs Morris will have to find space for in her living room include: a fishing rod from Cast; a dress from Alisha's Attic; a bass guitar from Ocean Colour Scene; Skunk Anansie's gold disc, and an autographed, limited edition Erasure box set.

Atlantic 252's brand manager, Darren Thomas, said: "We'd never go so far as to suggest that Atlantic 252 can change your life. But it can certainly change your living room."

The Morrises will, it seems, have to admire their mini museum themselves. If they were to open it to the public it would constitute a change of use for



Memorabilia lane: Julie Morris trying out one of her prizes - a bass guitar that once belonged to the rock band Ocean Colour Scene



BEST SELLING CAMERA

Mowlam puts faith in peace impetus

Northern Ireland secretary Mo Mowlam and Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, concluded their first face-to-face meeting in 13 months yesterday, saying fire would continue in the weeks they hoped the impetus towards ahead, and that he would be a new peace process would con-

tinue to move forward.

Ms Mowlam and Mr Adams spent more than two hours in "constructive" and "businesslike" talks at Stormont's Castle Buildings, twice the time anticipated for the meeting. They did not shake hands publicly, but said they had done so at the start of the meeting.

Mr Adams, who issued a call for a united Ireland immediately before the meeting, headed a five-strong delegation, which included Martin McGuinness and Martin Ferris, who was convicted in 1984 of gun-running for the IRA. His presence was seen to be significant, due to his influence on the hard-line lements of the party.

Ms Mowlam, accompanied by political affairs minister. Paul Murphy, urged the earliest preside decommissioning of weapons and said she hoped circumstances would enable further meetings to take place.

"We discussed a wide range of issues including prisoners, parades, equality of treatment, security and other confidencehuilding measures. I confirmed that the Government remains committed to the joint paper on decommissioning and urged ture of "discrimination. Sinn Fein towork to achieve the equality and intolerance".

weapons," she said.

Ms Mowlam described Mr Adams as a "strong, competent leader" of his party, adding that she hoped that the ceaseahead, and that he would be able to take his place at the talks table with the other parties.

She said she felt that the meeting had helped convince her of Mr Adams' commitment to peace. What had come forward, she said, was an acknowledgement on both sides "that everyone has to change a bit". Ms Mowlam was mindful that victims of IRA violence might criticise her decision to meet with the Sinn Fein delegation. and apologised in advance.

"[I'm] sorry if I have caused them upset and anger at what we've done by talking to Sinn Feln, but we worked hard to get the IRA ceasefire, as did other people. The only way we are going to get to a state where we do not get further killings and violence and loss of lives is if we sit down and talk. I think we're closer than for many, many years.

Mr Adams, meanwhile, said he was satisfied that the items that would help lead to a lasting peace settlement were now on the agenda. The main point Sinn Fein had pushed during the day's meeting was the ending of the union, a point enlarged upon in a five-page "introduc-tory document", which claimed that British rule sustained a culture of "discrimination, in-

Blair urges TUC and CBI to talk

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

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There's a Great Deal going on

Tony Blair has asked TUC leaders and CBI bosses to try to reach a deal over trade union recognition before the Government publishes a white paper threatening legislation on the is-sue, which caused a flashpoint

during the general election.

The TUC general secretary
John Monks and Adair Turner,
the director of the CBL have thrashed out their differences over trade union recognition over private dinners accompanied by their teams. "There have been top teams on hoth sides," said a union source.

The private dinners have taken place without Mr Blair's trade union adviser. John Cruddas, heing prescul. That is being seen at Westminster as clear evidence that Mr Blair

wants the two sides of industry to reach a new hipartisan relationship, without the Government taking part.

"Tony would prefer a voluntary code of practice, if possihle. He is keen to avoid a row over this issue," said one Labour insider. The unions would not settle

for a voluntary code of practice. but one option could be to have a code underpinned by statutory powers, for firms where there was no agreement.

"You don't get a voluntary agreement unless there is pressure on the employers to respond to the work force," said the union source.

In spite of signs that Mr Blair is seeking to reach a com-promise, Whitehall sources said the Government was committed to legislation, which would not be abandoned.

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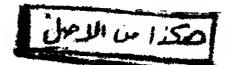
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Guam air disaster



Honeymoon flight that ended in horror

Richard Lloyd Parry

Nothing looks more solid than a jumbo jet sitting on a runway. But Korean Air flight 801, yesterday's early morning arrival from Seoul to Guam packed with newlyweds oo their boneymoon, looks frail, flimsy and surprisingly

Only its hack end is recognisable as a Boeing 747 – the distinctive tail fin, with the hright hlue and red Koreao yin-aod-yang symbol, is still in one piece, but thrust up at an awkward angle by the jungle vegetation. The cockpit aod the hulge of the first class cabin are still partly iotact but they are 25 yards away, over a short precipice. The rest of it, the ecocomy class mid-section, is an indistinguishable mass of burned seats, mangled metal, broken cases, and at least 155 human beings.

Even late last night, the remains were too hot too touch, and from here it seems unimag-inable that anyone could have survived. Early yesterday, just before 2am, the Boeing 747 severed an oil pipeline, hrushed tree tops, and burst into flames island of Guam is most signifibates. But to Japanese and Ko-

on this steep jungle slope, just three miles from the airport where it was going in to land. Judging from the crash site, it is remarkable that anyone escaped. But some 30 passengers survived, although the official oumber was shrinking every other hour as a few more died io hospital of their injuries.

The only New Zealander on board, a Guam-based helicopter mechanic named Barry Small, literally walked away from the plane, but later underweot emergency surgery on his in-jured legs. An eleven-year-old Japanese girl named Rika Matsuda was plucked from the wreckage almost unscathed by the Governor of Guam himself, Carl Gutierrez. Her mother, Shigeko, has cot been found, and the last of the survivors, believed to be a Korean mother and child, were finally cut out of the wreckage at about 9am yesterday. Of the hundreds of American soldiers and volunteers, who arrived on the scene an hour after the plane went down, none was under any il-

lusions that they would find anyone else alive.

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cant as an American military base, the higgest of the Mariana ehain, from whose islands the Enola Gay was launched to bomh Hiroshima exactly 52 years ago yesterday. Only 150,000 people live on its 212 square miles, a third of which

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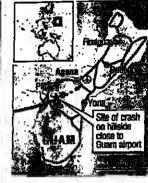


reans, it is the Barbados of the east, a romantie resort island, also popular with young families. Flight 801, like every flight from Seoul to Guam this month, was full of young children and with honeymooning couples. Yesterday, their relatives be-

line and its handling of the crisis. Senior Korean Air officials have arrived in Guam and a modicum of organisation has been restored to the situation, with an emergency news centre set up in a resort hotel. In the gan arriving from Seoul. Bitter early stages, however, there recrimination has been heaped appears to have been no central

co-ordination. "No ooe told us anything! Nothing!" said Jeannie Kim, a 20-year-old Korean-American who waited at the airport until 4am for her father, who was travelling home to Guam from a business trip on Flight 801. "I asked them, What

the hell's going on?' and they said that in fifteen minutes



Relatives of the crash victims comfort each other at Seoul aimort yesterday after Korean Air published e list of survivors of the Guam disaster

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they'd explain. Nobody came. Then some guy told me that there's been a crash. At first I thought he was joking. Everyone was crying, there was hysteria. And now they're giving us the same bulkhit." Ms Kim's father is not on the list of survivors. Particular anguish focuses on the airline's reluc-

tance to publish an official list of the dead as well as the living. Korean Air's vice-president, Shim Im Tack, was barracked by relatives as he read out a statement at their hotel yesterday afternooo. "It's oot apologies and technical information we need now," shouted one old man, "Tell us about the fate of our loved ones before talking about black boxes."

"They're just giving us the obvious," said Jeannie Kim. "We know there was a crash, we know where it happeoed. I want to know if my father is alive, or if he is still out there." The relatives will arrive at the

site in their hundreds today, yesterday there was a mere handful, outnumbered by reporters and television crews. A young woman stared down at the wreckage, weeping quietly for her dead husband. The cameramen glanced sheepishly at one another and took it in turns to focus their lenses on her crying face. A Korean man gave a gasping wail and waved his arms. A few times an hour, Boeing 747s droned in almost directly overhead, carrying more children and hooeymooners to their tropical summer holiday.

Driving rain and lack of landing system blamed

Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

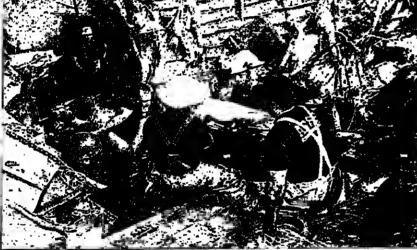
A deadly combination of poor weather and the lack of a key guidance system was the most likely cause of the Korean Air jumbo crash, according to experts.

The Boeing 747 plunged into the side of a hill covered in dense jungle amid high winds and lashing rain in pitch darkness. The pilot was also flying without part of his landing system - known as a glide scope which would have kept the plane above the peaks surrounding Guam's airport.

Flying experts said that the pilot has to accept some of the responsibility for the

crash. "He was the captain and he should oot have got there in the first place," said Captain Eric Moody, a former pilot with British Airways and a technical expert with the pilot's union, Baipa.

Capt Moody said that even if the pilot



Rescuers removing a survivor from the wreckage of the Korean Air Boeing 747 which crashed early yesterday morning

guide a plane down from thousands of feet".

David Learmount, safety editor with Flight International, pointed out that pilots can follow a simple rule of thumb to land at airports without a complicated guidance system. "It is simple. Just drop 300 feet for every mile off a runaway you find yourself.

are "beacons posted around airstrips which

Of course, the visibility may have heeo so an accident rate of 1.91 per million debad that he may not have seen the airstrip lights even if he was only a mile away." Mr Learmount said that the crash would be classified as "controlled flight into terrain" - crashes that occur when a perfectly serviceable aircraft hits the ground because its crew were unaware they were

flying so low.

The plane which usually flies the Scoul-Guam route is an Airbus A300, and the Boeng 747 is laid on only during the peak season. There is speculation that the jumbo pilot's inexperience with the approach to Guam

might have contributed to the disaster.
The crash was Korean Air's first since 1989, but the company's accident rate is relatively high. Marty Salfen, senior vice president of the International Airline Passengers' Association, said the airline had partures over the past 10 years against the worldwide rate of 0.581 per million. That figure does not include the loss of KAL flight 007 that strayed into Soviet airspace in 1983 and was shot down.

The cause of the crash will become elearer after the digital flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder are analysed. Both Early reports that there may have been have been recovered and are being shipped an explosion on board the flight before it to Washington DC for analysis by the US had not taken the normal landing path there hit the side of the mountain were dismissed. National Transportation Safety Board.

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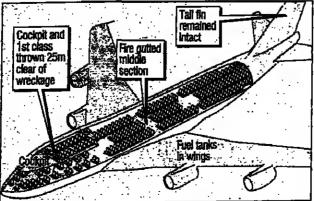
Count the rows to the exit

The latest crash again raises the

The state of the s question: where are the safest seats on a jumbo? Conventional wisdom is that the rear of the plane is the place which offers the most protection, writes Randeep Ramesh. It is here that designers usu-

ally put the black box recorders and this would be the furthest from impact in a jet plunging nose first into the earth.

The most obvious example where this has been shown to be true was in the world's worst air-Marie Marie craft disaster involving only one plane. This occurred when a Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 crashed into Mount Osutaka on a domestic flight, killing all but four of the 524 passengers on



board. All the survivors were sit- ken into more than six major ting at the rear of the plane. not tend to end with nose dives. This week's disaster saw only the the plane. The middle section survival. Aisle seats offer easy

hunks of metal. The first-class Most crashes, however, do section came to rest more than 25 metres away from the rest of tail section left relatively intact. was gutted by fire and the 30 exit routes and are the most like-The rest of the fuselage had bro-survivors were found in the ly to be bolted down firmly.

spar which runs through the fuselage and into the wings. Experts also use a "survivability" index to gauge how

many people would escape from a crash. "This is affected by many things," says Stephen Barlay, author of The Final Call: Air Safety and Aviation Accidents. "For example: how many people count the cumber of seals to the nearest exit? This may be important if you cannot see the exits because of the thick smoke in the cabin."

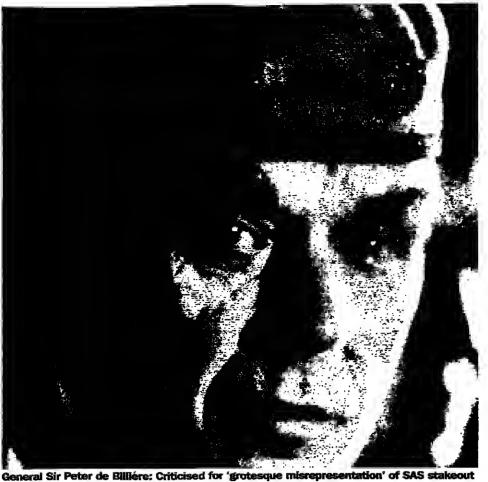
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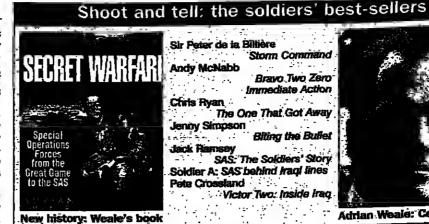
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The Ministry of Defence has hlocked the publication of new evidence which is set to reignite the controversy surrounding "non-judicial executions" of terror suspects by British forces in Northern Ireland.

Army censors have suppressed a statement compiled by an Army intelligence officer which describes in graphic detail an SAS action which led to the killing of three IRA suspects

The statement was due to be published today in a new history of the SAS and other special forces units, but was withdrawn following a meeting between ministry officials and the

The book makes a vitriolic attack on Sir Peter de la Billière, the commander of British forces in the Gulf War and the



former director of the SAS, who is accused of misrepresenting the actions of the élite regiment in Northern Ireland in his own

The Independent has obtained an account, compiled by

an operative with 14th Intelligence, an undercover army unit that works closely with the SAS. The account describes an SAS operation designed to pre-empt a sectarian IRA attack at

June 1991. It claims that the terrorists were allowed to arm themselves and drive, under surveillance, to the village before being killed in a bail of bullets. Coagh, in County Tyrone in

Adrian Weale: Censored

It has been suggested that there was no prospect of mak-ing an arrest. The so-called 'yellow-card" rules say that security forces personnel should always give a warning unless "to do so would increase the risk of death or grave injury to you or any other person", or they are actually already under fire. In practice, this means that when the weapons are out, the security forces start shooting.

In the original version of the new book, Secret Warfare: Special Operations Forces from the Great Game to the SAS, the author Adrian Weale, said: "If there bad been a real intention of arresting the Coagh terrorists it could and sbould have been done whilst their vehicle was under surveillance en route to Coagh.

In the event, the SAS used a disguised lorry to ambush the terrorists as they arrived in Coagh, Around 200 shots were fired into their stolen Vauxhall Cavalier and it hurst into flames. The terrorists Tony Doris, Peter Ryan and Laurence McNally were burnt beyond recognition. The IRA later admitted that the men were members and were "on active service".

The account is in no way critical of the actions of colleagues and describes the ambush as a "classic result". But Mr Weale, himself a for-

mer army intelligence officer who is now a respected military historian, and representatives of his publisher Hodder & Stoughton, were brought before an MoD committee, where the hanges were demanded.

ment on the matter but it is thought that ministry officials believed the intelligence officer bad overstated the amount of information which the SAS had prior to the amhush.

There may also be concerns that, despite the passage of more than six years, the inquests into the three deaths bave still not been heard or even listed. At the time of the killings,

nationalist politicians had expressed their bope that every effort bad been made to arrest the men.

Last night, Francie Molloy, a Sinn Fein councillor who knew the three dead men, said: "This shows there were enough troops on the ground to have secured the arrest of the occupants of the car without anyone being sbot

"Instead it was a case of idge, jury and executioner all in one operation."
But the MoD censors have al-

lowed the book to carry its attack on General de la Billière for his description of SAS activities in Northern Ircland in his 1994 autobiography, Looking for Trouble.

In particular, the general's account of the killing of a young Catholic farmer's son, is denounced as a "grotesque misrepresentation of what actually took place". John Boyle, 16, was mistakenly shot dead by two SAS men who were staking out a terrorist arms cache at a cemetery in Dunloy, Co Antrim, in 1978.

Drawing on subsequent court evidence. Mr Weale reports that the youth had earlier found the weapons and alcrted the security services. But he could not resist returning to the site the following day.

In his description of the shooting, General de la Billière claims it took place at night following a stakeout lasting several days after troops had uncovered the cache themselves. He says of the victim: "Clearly the dead man had been a member of the IRA; but he was only 16, and probably a low-grade operator."

Mr Weale writes: "Almost every detail of this version of events is false; the weapons were not originally discovered by soldiers but by Boyle himself, the stakeout had lasted for less than 24 hours: the shooting happened in broad daylight at 10am; and the victim was not and never had been a member of the IRA.

General de la Billière

The MoD would not com- declined to comment. Mozart's 42nd ...by computer Charles Arthur The program takes pieces of music, breaking them up into

Science Editor

Can a decomposing composer compose? In the modern world, ves - with the help of a computer. A program written by David Cope, a scientist and musician, has now produced new works by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Mahler, Rachmaninoff and the ragtime composer, Scott Joplin.

Among 10 symphonies gen-EMI ("Experiments in Musical Intelligence"), is Mozart's 42nd symphony, premiered in Santa Cruz, California, in April, and produced 207 years after Wolfgang Amadeus wrote his 41st. It is "one of the most pro-

vocative things I've ever come across in artificial intelligence." said Douglas Hofstadier, a cog-1982, aged 41, as a way of

analysing music be had written.

them after applying a grammar and syntax of music set down by Mr Cope. The distinctive sound of a composer is captured by sifting examples of the composer's music for short sequences that show up in piece after piece. ■ Record companies and retail chains are taking to the Internet. Virgin Megastores, a division of WH Smith, is expected to set up erated by the program, named an Internet site in the autumn, while last week, Dillons and Waterstone's announced they would start competing over the Internet with US firms such as amazon.com, a Seattle-hased internet mail order company which has attracted millions of

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John Updike began a mystery story using paragraphs con-Mr Cope devised EMI in tributed by visitors to the site. Leading article, page 11

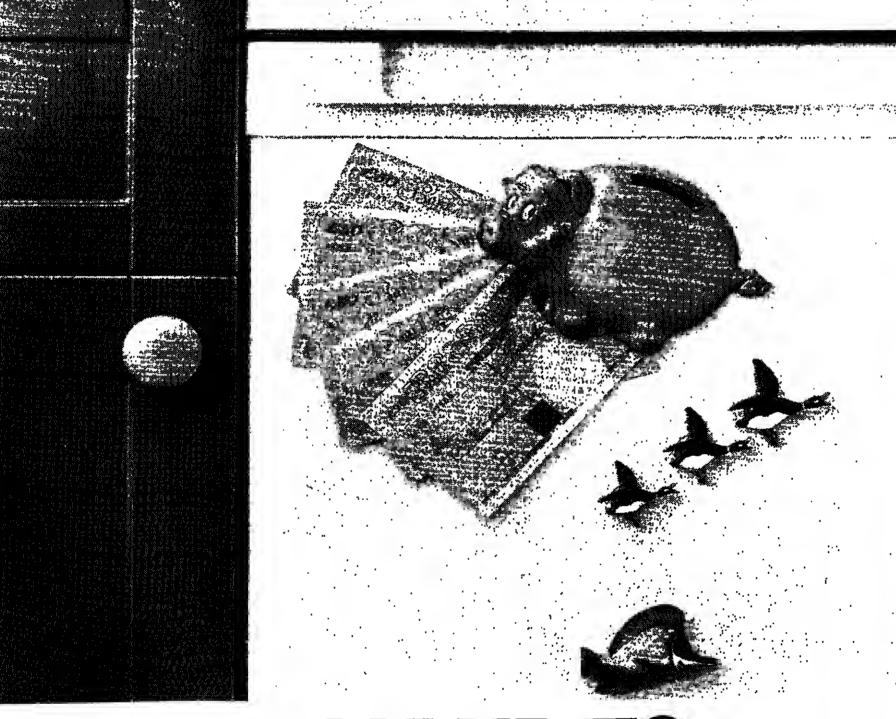
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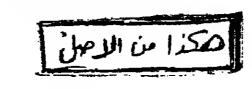
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THE INDEPEND



Drums beat harps to Eisteddfod win

The rhythms of the Caribbean brought a new beat to this year's Royal National Esteddfod, leaving traditionalists more accustomed to the strains of plucked harps than throbbing drums somewhat

But the steel band from Cardiff's Pitzalan High School enfinaled festival-goers at Bala and carried off the first prize plus a £300 cheque in the Open Instrumental Competition. The drummers all aged 14 to 16

come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Unlike the Eisteddfod where Welsh is the only official language, twenty-one different languages are spoken by pupils and staff at the comprehensive in the city's docklands. The school governors publish their annual report in nine languages: Gujarati, Welsh, Bengali, Araba, Somali, Urdu, Cantonese,

English, and Punjabi.
However, Angus Dunphy, the head teacher, said: "These children are Welsh. They may wear another hat or two but they are Welsh." For most nf the band it was their first experience of a town like Bala, 200 miles north of Cardiff, where mure than 75 per cent of Photograph: Tegwyn Roberts people use Welsh as a first language.

The rise of mining in South Wales a hundred years ago drew people from all over the world. The school lies in an area, currently being developed by the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation in a fibn-plus scheme, which has for Inng been a multi-racial community embracing West Indians, Somalis, Chinese, Americans and Europeans from many lands.

The docklands drummers are not the only innovation at this year's festival. For the first time, alcohol is being sold on the nearby "youth" field, while the

main field stays dry. The venture has sparked little interest, though, and festival-goers are shunning the bar for Bala's bustling pubs a mile down the road.

A visit by to the Eisteddfod by the Secretary of State for Wales, Ron Davies, contrasted sharply with the appearance last year of his predecessor, William Hague, who abandoned his programme in the face of angry demonstrators.

Mr Davies strolled around meeting people with hardly any sign of a precautionary police presence.

Maybe the fact that he addressed a meeting in Welsh helped; it was the first time in 18 years that a Secretary of

the Fitzalan School steel band, which won a first prize at the Eisteddfod BA cuts training to thwart strikes

Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

British Airways is cutting the training time of new cabin crews in order to prevent the continuatinn of the "large-scale can-cellations and disruption" which has resulted from a large number of staff being off sick.

The airline is still recling from the effects of a three-day strike by stewards and stewardesses last month. Relations between management and staff remain poor, and a substantial number of cabin crew have still not returned to work. Martyn Bridger, head of cabin crew services at BA, has written to staff saying that sickness levels are double the normal" in some

This has seen hundreds nf services wiped from BA's schedules. According to the letter, since the strike ended more than 1,000 (13 per cent) nf the total domestic and European flights and 220 (8 per cent) of lunghaul services have had to be cancelled "as we have not been able in crew them".

In order to cope, the airline is to review its policy over staff sickness. BA will also "reduce its European flying during the summer or until we can be sure we can crew them reliably" and cut "all new entrant training programmes". At present staffneed a 35-day course - but BA is proposing a "fast-track" 22-day schedule.

Many airlines consider crew training as a top priority for staff. Earlier this year the chief engineer for Air Canada told an industry conference that: "next to having serviceable equip-ment, the most important preparation for a safe environ-

ment is the training. "Many of the public think that the cabin crew are there to serve the passenger, a waiter or waitress in the sky ... we, in the business, know they are there to ensure that, in the event of an emergency, there will be a tapid, controlled, and safe evacuation of all passengers."

BA says that safety "is still a locked in talks.

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top priority". The airline said that new recruits would only be missing nut nn "marketing presentations and some grooming training",

"All the mandatory courses will still be taken," said a spokesman. The airline claimed that its longhaul operations

were running at "100 per cent". The company added that staff were returning to their jobs. "At Heathrow, the number of cabin crew registered sick time of year, has fallen by 30 per cent in the past four days. At Gatwick, cabin crew sickness levels have now returned to the

scasonal average".

According to a letter, nb tained by The Independent, the "problems can be traced to a 72hour strike" last mnnth, "Over three days, we normally expect around 5,400 people to report ... during the strike over 3.500

pears to be hardening its stance. We will be interviewing everystrike period after their return to work," writes Mr Bridger.

The airline's executives are determined never again to allow staff to take sick leave instead of gning nn strike. "Some people are openly saying that they are taking their turn to go sick, as they felt those who went sick over the strike period 'had thought they had gnt away with it'," Mr Bridger

As a result of the industrial action and the following disruption, BA has lost more than £125m so far - over a cost cutting programme that would

ported that they are reviewing the lucrative corporate accounts lodged with BA in the light nf the strike and execu-

The dispute remains unresolved, but management and

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From Milady's Wood (the book from which this poem comes) is the sixth volume by former steelworker Walter Perrie, who now lives in Perthshire. It is published by Scottish Cultural Press,

news

I can still clear my name, says murderer freed after 22 years

Shortly after 9am yesterday Reg Dudley emerged from the gates of Ford Prison and sampled life as a free man for the first time in 22 years. Waving briefly to photogra-

phers, he gazed out on the Sussex countryside as he sped back home to London in a Ford Granada in which his two grandchildren had been allowed to collect him from jail.

For almost a quarter of a century he has been pleading his in-nocence of one of the most gruesome crimes in modern

criminal history.

Dudley, now 72, was one of two men convicted of the socalled Torso Murders, the hrutal executions of two members of 1970s London gangland, Billy Moseley and Micky Cornwall.

Remember when...

There was a Labour Governmen and Harold Wilson was Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher was elected the new Tory Leader.

At Wimbledon, Arthur Ashe beet Jimmy Connors in the men's singles and Billie Jean King won the women's singles. The Grand National was sensationally won

Those topping the charts included the Bey City Rollers, Gueen with 'Bohemian, Rhapsody', Telly Savalas and David Essex.

'Fawity Towers' had its first showing on television

A pint of milk cost 6.5p, a pint of 75p. A new Ford Cortina was only £1,667.

Police said that Moseley had heen tortured and his body chopped up and thrown into the Thames where his torso was lat-

er discovered washed up.
Cornwall, known as "The
Laughing Bank Robber", was
shot in the head and buried in a shallow grave.

Back in a park outside his daughter's home in Islington, North London yesterday afternoon, Dudley called a press conference to continue his campaign to clear his name, and

that of his co-defendant. "I don't feel hitter, I'm disgusted that the police can get away with what they did get away with. In the Seventies and Eighties all the police had to do was arrest somebody, frame them, say this and say that. It was all verbal," he said. "Nowadays, thanks to cases like ours, they have to have the

Dudley, who complained of the "awful traffic jams" that have become a near permanent fixture in north London since he went inside, is looking forward to a visit to Arsenal's Highbury Stadium where the terraces and crush barriers of the Seventies have now been replaced plastic seats and executive box-

"I am over the moon to be out but I would be doubly over the moon if I had been par-doned," he said. "It won't be until a week's time when I realise I don't have to go back that the reality of freedom will really hit

At the trial, the prosecution alleged that Moseley was killed because of an affair he was having with another criminal's wife.



Free again: Reg Dudley leaving Ford Prison yesterday morning.

Cornwall was killed because he was thought to be planning to avenge his friend's death. Dudley, along with Boh Maynard now 58, were jailed at the

public notoriety after the trial when Moseley's head was dis-Old Bailey in June 1977 after what was then the longest murder trial ever heard in Britain, covered in a public lavatory in stretching over 136 days. The Islington. It had been kept in a Torso Murders gained further deep freeze.

No forensic or identification evidence was produced at the trial and the pair were convicted on alleged confessions to police and prison informers which they deny making.

Mr Dudley said: "I don't release.

Photograph: Andrew Buurman

think the Commission are going to stand any nonsense and I am very confident that they will give

us a good result. Dudley and Maynard, who remains in Elmley Prison, Kent, were said by police to have reputations as "the hard men of north London".

The trial judge Mr Justice Swanwick had recommended ed by the Criminal Cases Re- 15 years. But the men's refusal view Commission which may to admit their guilt apparently refer it to the Court of Appeal. prejudiced their chances of

Britons remain true to family values

The married mum and dad with 2.4 children are no longer the norm but the idea of the family remains at the heart of society. according to a report published

But all the signs are that the family ideal is under pressure. The number of divorces has almost trehled since 1970, the number of first-time marriages has halved since its peak in the same vear and the number of

lone parents has risen to 22 per cent of all families with children. But Social Focus on Families. report from the Office for National Statistics, shows this is by no means the whole picture. Although a third of all hirths were outside marriage last year.

four times the number in 1971, four-fifths were registered by both parents. Where families have split, only 3 per cent of absent fathers never see their

And 83 per cent of people expect to spend Christmas with their families who, in most cases, still live nearby. Nearly a third of parents live within 15 minutes' travelling time of an adult child. Only 13 per cent of people would rather spend time with their friends than family.

Blood is still thicker than water." Peter Newman, one of the authors, concludes. "All in all, families continue to play a very central part in people's lives."

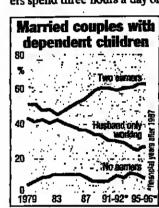
Attitudes to marriage have changed. Hardly anyone believes it is better to have a bad marriage than no marriage at all. Cohabitation before marriage is now the norm. And fewer people think a wife's job is to look after the home than did

so 10 years ago. But change has gone only so far. Although two-thirds beple to live together without available from Stationery Office marriage, 57 per cent still think bookshops and other bookpeople who want to have children should tie the knot.

Last year, married couples with children constituted 41 per cent of families, compared with 4 per cent of cases where children lived with cohabiting couples. Thirteen per cent of families consisted of lone parents with dependent children.

The most significant change to family finances is dependence on two incomes. The number of married families with children with both parents working has risen from 50 per cent in 1985 to

62 per cent a decade later. Yet while more women are out to work, their traditional responsibilities still endure. Mothers spend three hours a day on



housework and cooking, four times longer than fathers spend on the same tasks. The family situation varied between races. More than half of black families with children are headed by a ione parent compared with one in six in South Asian families.

Social Focus on Families is the fourth in a series which began with a report on children in 1994 followed by one on women, then ethnic minorities. It brings together statistics to give what the editor, Carol Summerfield, called an "in-depth look at different groups of people in

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Smarties rival unwrapped in battle for chocaholics

Britain's chocoholics can look forward to a multi-million pound battle for their collective sweet tooth later this month when Cadhury's launches a rival to Smarties.

Cadbury's Astros will hit the shops on the August bank holiday hacked by a £6m investment by Cadbury's which already accounts for 30 per cent of the country's chocolate market. The promotional hlitz will include a £2m advertising campaign including a tie-up with Coronation Street, which is sponsored by Cadbury's.

Industry analysts say the launch is designed to bite a chunk out of Smarties' market share, though Cadbury's denies going head-to-head with one of Britain's most popular sweets. They are a unique product aimed at older children and teenagers," Cadbury's claims. The company say Astros are tar-



Sweet thing: In the battle between Smarties and Cadbury's Astros, the winner can expect a financial feast

Pringles, Duritos, Hula Hoops and Butterscotch popeom. Cadhury's marketing director Alan Palmer says he hopes Astros will eatch on with the newly identified market of "munchers". He said: "They need to be moreish,

geted at the "snacking" market. which includes products such as satisfying and, in my opinion, you ve got to have lots of them." Astros sound like a cross between a Smartie and a Malteser. They are colourful, complete-

ly round with a crunchy hiscuit

core covered in milk chocolate.

Sold in a flip-top box, they will

be launched on 25 August and

about its rival's chances of success. "Many people have tried and failed to imitate Smarties over the years. Smarties are very, very popular with a very loval following. We feel sure they will remain a national favourite.' Smarties, launched 60 years ago when they were called

Chocolate Beans, notched up sales of over £50m last year, the British public consumed 17,000 Smarties every minute.

The winner of the Smarties versus Astros battle can look forward to a true feast in financial terms. The UK spends more money per head on chocolate than any other country in the world apart from Switzerland. With a total of £3.4bn spent on chocolate every year, the average Briton spends

7 per year scoffing the stuff.

Treasury in hot water over £200m Whitehall renovations

The Treasury may be sued by the property company which was to have redeveloped its headquarters in Whitehall.

Exchequer Partnerships wants at least £1m from the Government to cover its expenses for the aborted contract to renovate the building. which is threatened by a dangerously high water level.

Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, said last week that the building - a cross between a Victorian gents lavatory and a turn-nf-thenot be renovated.

"Extremely tight spending controls" were blamed for the termination of the contract, which was signed in January after Exchequer, a consortium including Bovis Construction and Hambros Bank, was named as preferred hidder a year ago by Kenneth Clarke.

As part of the deal, Treasury civil servants were to move out while the building was gutted. Now, the mandarins are to stay put in their 800,000 square foot warren, watching the water level lapping round their feet. The

medieval London's richest fish ponds, which were fed by the Thames, and which now rise in what has become Hyde Park. Lately the building's basements

have been filling up.

Despite confirming a fortnight ago that a £20ttm private finance deal to rehouse the Treasury was still on, the Government has now decided it will pay for only minor work on the Grade II-listed huilding.

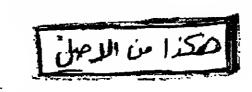
Since plans were first annuunced two years ago, an unknown sum has been spent on surveys, consultants and appli-

The Tories had been keen that the Treasury show maximum enthusiasm for the Private Finance Initiative. The building's frontage on Whitehall was to have been kept, but the interior remodelled to provide new space, which the Civil Ser-vice would lease from the developer. At one stage the Treasury was going to share the site with a luxury hotel looking out on St James's Park with a swimming pool in its basement - perhaps making use of that

priced at 28p. Nestle, the Swiss confectionery giant which owns Smarties, was sniffy yesterday

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There is a quiet revolution underway at the Foreign and Common-wealth Office which could transform the public face of Britain abroad.

To the horror of some of the old guard, Baroness Symons, the minister responsible for FCO personnel, is determined to drag one of the most conservative of government departments into the modern world of equal opportunities and multi-culturalism.

She wants more women, more ethnic minorities, and more perple who are disabled among her staff. "It's the right thing to do." she said. "The face of Britain abroad must more closely reflect the face of Britain at home. That must be a good thing."

The highly publicised resignation of Dame Pauline Neville-Jones. Britain's most senior female diplomat, last year was partly prompted by ber frustratioo at the promotion prospects for women. And the power of vested interests in a department set in its ways was bighlighted by Chris Patten, who has made clear the opposition he felt from Foreign Office mandarins who considered his governorship of Hong Kong beirayed British interests as they defined them.

Although the Foreign office is no longer the institution inhabited by Carletoo-Browne of the FO, the bowlerbatted bureaucrat portrayed by the late actor Terry-Thomas, it is still very traditioo-bound, But Lady Symons, 46, has no qualms about treading on a few toes. She headed the First Division Association, the senior civil service union, before her appointment to government and recalls her first efforts to address inequalities nearly 20 years ago.

'Ooe of my trade unioo colleagues said to me, I don't mind if there are more

The Foreign Office has 35 per cent

women; 3 per cent of staff are from

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In the whole of the home civil ser-

vice, 51.4 per cent are women, 5.5

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Old style: Terry-Thomas portraying the stereo-typical bureaucrat, Carleton-Browne of the FO

'These things must be done on merit. But women must have an equal crack of the whip'

promotions for women as long as there aren't less for merc' I can just rememher looking at him and thinking. We've got a hit of a logistic problem here'." Her action at the FCO has been lim-

ited so far. But the impact of even a few pointed questions - why, for instance, were there repeatedly no women's names before the senior selection panel ~ should not be under-estimated. One FCO insider said some staff were finding the changes "hearthreaking".

Yet with a solid Labour majority, they may have no choice hut to adapt. The minister is charm personified, but aides describe an iron fist within a velvet glove. "These things must be done on merit," she said. "But it's the right thing to dn.

who are disabled and 15.3 per cent

from ethnic minorities.

The men – and women – from the ministry The Department of Health has 53,4 per cent women, including 30.9 per cent of its senior staff, the Treasury has 42.3 per cent and the Ministry of Defence 30 per cent. Health also has 4.4 per cent of staff

Women, for example, must be given an equal crack of the whip. What one is initially hoping for is a change of attitude. There were "spirited exchanges" when Lady Symons mooted the

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idea of family-friendly policies and suggested it might benefit the men, too, if they were able to spend more

Unlike other departments which addressed the issue earlier, there are no statistics available to see whether the situation has improved at the FCO. As recently as 1972, women at the Foreign Office had to resign if they married, deterring many from enrolling to begin with.

A snapshot of today shows 35 per cent of the service are women, 3 per cent are from ethnic minorities and 2 per cent are disabled. The baroness regards setting up "career audits" by discussion with staff as necessary to improving the figures, particularly at the highest levels. She is also taking advice. Sir Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, has visited twice.

However, personnel is not her only responsibility. In her first three months, the baroness has had meetings with the heads of all the dependent territuries. Among the issues raised has been money-laundering. A new, unpublished National Audit Office report suggests the situation has improved significantly in the last five years.

Consular activities also come within her remit and she has taken an active stance on the plight of Britons in trouble abroad. Although unwilling to discuss details, she admits to being "very concerned" about the two nurses on trial for murder in Saudi Arabia. She has spoken to their families herself.

Referring to the Foreign Secretary's aim of a more ethical, more humane Foreign Office, she said: "When we're talking about human rights, we're not just talking about abstract issues." The families had a right to know, first hand, what the Government was doing, she said. The dramatic shift in approach is "refreshing" in the eyes of those at the Foreign Office who relish a touch of contemporary thinking. No one doubts that change will be slow. But those who have watched Lady Symons in action think she will succeed. "I wouldn't want to pick a fight with her," said one.



New style: Baroness Symons, changing attitudes at the Foreign Office Photograph: Nicola Kurtz and the Pitcairo Islands.

Former colonies face a change of name

The British Dependent Territories could be renamed in response to concerns that the title is inappropriate, the Foreign Office minister Baroness Symons said, writes Louise Jury.

She asked whether it was right to describe the places - the last of the former British colonies - as "dependent" and suggested a description such as British Overseas Territories might be more satisfactory. Our friends in the Carib-bean dislike the term British

Dependent Territories enormously. If it causes anxiety and, frankly, not a little irritation, theo it is something worth talking about," she said.

The current problems in the volcano-struck island of Montserrat had forced it to look to Britain for help. But Barooess Symons said some dependent territories were quite wealthy and "dependent" seemed a misnomer. Any alternative title would have to be discussed with those affected.

However, there was oo suggestion the change would affect the territories' legal status. There has been pressure from some of them for residents to be given full British citizenship rights. A comparisoo is ofteo drawn with France, which coosiders its dependent territories

an integral part of the country. But the Baroness dismissed the case for full British passports to be offered in place of the existing passports which do not allow people from the dependent territories to settle in Britain.

The issue was promineot in the run-up to the Hong Koog handover, when pleas to award Hong Koog citizens full British passports, rather than the littlevalued British National (Overseas) passports, were rejected.

The dependent territories are: Gibraltar, Bermuda; Montserrat; Anguilla; Turks and Caicos; Cayman Islands; the British Virgin Islands; St Helena and its dependencies:, Tristan da Cunba and Ascension Islands; the Falkland Islands; South Georgia and the Sandwich Islands; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory

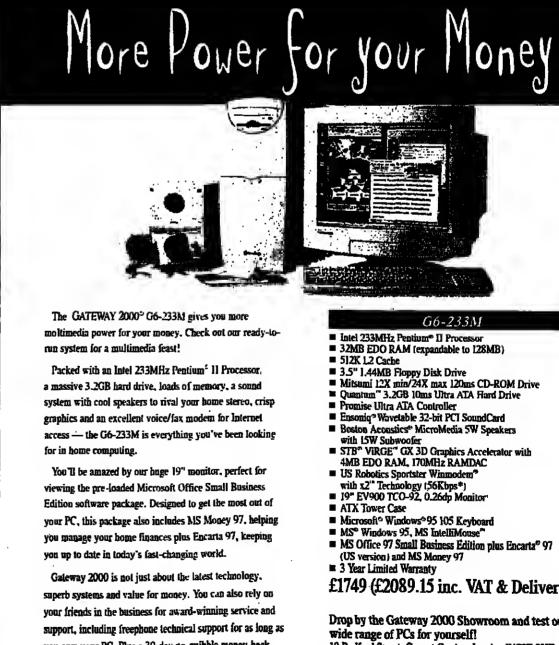
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Presidents pledge extra effort in Bosnia

President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia and Alija Izetbegovic, chairman of the Bosnia's three-man presidency, pledged to redouble efforts to strengthen the three-year-old Muslim-Croat federation that comprises half of Bosnia

The United States government wants to see the Davion peace agreement implemented before its troops' scheduled departure from Bosnia in the spring of 1998. Richard Holbrooke, the architect of the 1995 accord, and Robert Gelbard, US special envoy for the former Yugoslavia, also came to Split to push for progress.

Croatia has come under increasing international pressure for failing to ensure that Bosnian Croats abide with the

Cambodia replaces co-premier

Cambodian legislators bowed to the will of strongman Hun Sen, endorsing his bloody coup of 5 July by voting into power a new co-premier to replace the deposed Prince Norodom Ranariddh. Legislators voted by a two-thirds majority to elevate the foreign minister, Ung Huot, to the co-premiership, despite concerns that the move may prove unconstitutional.

AP - Phnom Pe

71 million Chinese leave home

The "floating population" of Chinese workers who have left home to look for work has risen to 70.7 million. The Business News, citing official figures, said the figure was up sharply from previous years. Most migrants are from rural villages, the newspaper said. It said that more of them were men than women, and 92 per cent were between the ages of 15 and 59.

Teenagers clean up their act

Illegal drug use by American teenagers is down slightly but is still much higher than it was five years ago. Teenage alcohol use has also decreased from a year earlier. The annual National Household Survey on Drug Abuse said that 9 per cent of teenagers in the United States used drugs in 1996, compared with 10.9 per cent in 1995. But the survey also showed an increase in drug use among 18-to-25-year-olds, from 13.3 per cent in 1994 to 15.6 per cent in 1996.

AP - Washington

Peking warns US off Tibet

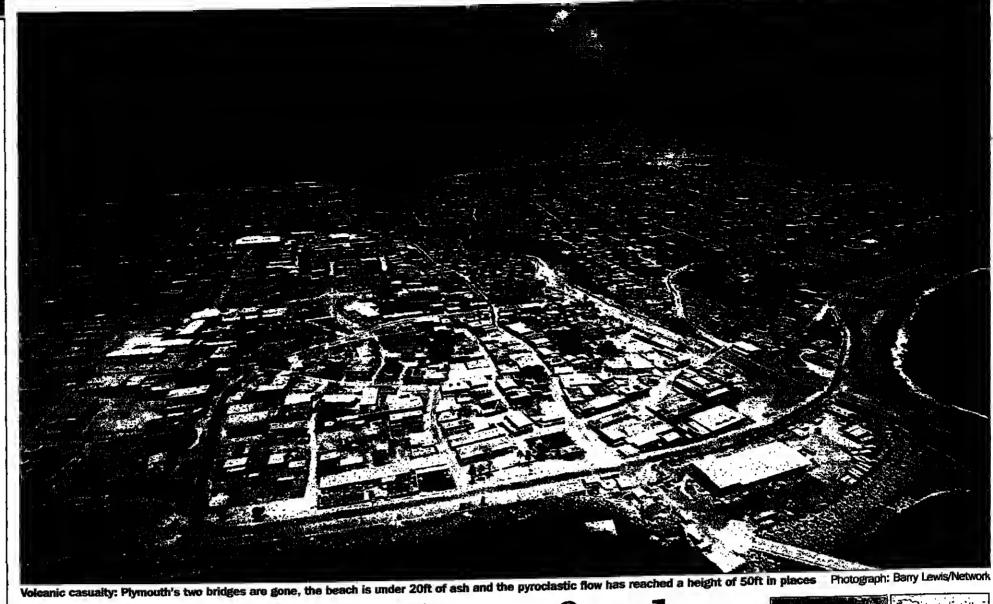
China lashed out with an official commentary that accused the United States of trying to meddle in its internal politics by appointing an official to handle Tibet-related affairs. In the first public reaction since US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright proposed last week to appoint a special US policy co-ordinator for Tibet, the China Daily newspaper warned Washington to "draw back the hand that tries to stir China's husiness". AP - Peking

Sweetie the rat taken in raid

The star of a soon-to-be-released international television series has been abducted. Sweetie the rat was stolen when burglars ransacked the Gibson Group film production house in Wellington. Sweetle stars in the latest

instalments of Mirror Mirror, a children's fantasy series. "Sweetie is a star. She is an important character in an international series coming out next year," art department co-ordinator Heidi Oosterman said. The trained white and fawn rat had recently been depressed, rarely leaving her bed. "Something like this could devastate her," Ms

Phil Davison reports from Montserrat that Plymouth will be uninhabitable for generations



A sludge of ash blankets the dead, destroyed capital

key bridges and single-storey huildings buried, others still smouldering after catching fire from red-hot gas, ash or sear-ing pumice pebbles. Yesterday, you could see only the top half of the once-bustling two-storey supermarket.

Old Towne, Montserrat —The rolling rumble of the thunder-

storm shook me from my bed

at 4.02am as orange lightning

flashes flickered across my

room. Except that it was

not a thunderstorm. It was Montserrat's Soufriere volcano

erupting, creating its own lightning, and it was an awesome ex-

perience, even a couple of miles

then the black, rising in a mush-

room clond like a dark atomic

bomb until it completely shut

out the earlier tapestry of shim-

mering stars. The entire island fell blacker than black, split only by continuing bolts of orange. On a post-dawn helicopter re-

connaissance yesterday, the

damage was obvious. Most of

the island's 350-year-old capi-

tal, Plymouth, is under a char-

coal-grey mass of ash or sludge,

its seafront unrecognisable, its

from the bubbling crater. First came the grey smoke,

> Long evacuated, Plymouth had been an unpopulated ghost reering down the volcano's town. Now, the town itself is

"I would say without doubt that Plymouth will not be habitable for generations now," said Montserrat police commissioner Frank Hooper, a chief superintendent on secondment from Sussex police, af-ter the stomach-churning trip in tiny glass-fronted helicopter.

"In broad terms, the centre of Plymouth is generally de-stroyed. To rehuild it, we'd have to start from scratch. The cost would be horrendous," Mr "The town's two bridges are completely destroyed. The beach is under 20ft of ash. The

flow has reached a height of 50ft at some points. The problem now is we're in the hurricane season, when we can get 10 inches of rain in 12 hours. If we get a major storm, we can expect major mudflows." Since it is too dangerous to send in firemen, the authorities

are forced to watch the town burn. Yesterday, the latest casualty, seen smouldering from the helicopter, was the technical college on the road between here and Plymouth. What the scientists call the pyroclastic flow - an avalanche

slopes at 100mph, following what locals call ghauts ghauts, or dry river beds - has been surging from the crater roughly every 12 hours since Sunday. Yesterday, it widened to endanger the evacuated village of

buffer zone" between the total "exclusion zone" of the south and the relatively safe north. The huffer zone was finally

Molineaux in the Belham Rivblasting wooden shacks where rastafarian youths guzzle beer er valley and the entire "central or rum and play snooker, stay tuned to the station for its emergency broadcasts. Among those overfiving the

evacuated on Monday night, in-volcano yesterday was Jill Nor-

Caribbean voice of announcer

Rose Willock on Radio

Montserrat yesterday. "There

will be time enough for all of

you to go sightseeing in the next

Most Montserrations, in their homes, in the Salem church

refugee centre, in the reggae-

"The centre of town is generally gone. To rebuild it we'd have to start from scratch. The cost would be horrendous'

Pointe hotel in Old Towne and the sea-level area around the Montserrat golf course, which has been showered with ash and now looks like falling into disrepair since no one can

"It is important you don't go sightseeing. There's no way anyone can reach you if you get said the lilting

Geological Survey in Nottingham, who is currently deputy chief of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, one of five Britons in a 20-member team. "Today was not quite as bad as Tuesday evening. The cloud reached 20,000ft. We routinely contact the aviation authorities when

that happens, to warn off air-liners," she said.

"It's an awesome sight, to sec a mushroom cloud in the classical umbrella shape or an avalanche of hot gas and ash at night when it reaches 800C and you can see it glow." Despite the stress of living unmanis

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der the voicano, those Montserrations still here are coping well, managing to maintain their laid-back Caribbean lifestyle despite the hardships. Some even took the little ferry to Antigua for the island's carnival on Tuesday, hraving a ten seemed to threaten to swal-

low up the boat. Instead of rehuilding in the volcano's shaduw, the British and local governments are sludying the possibility of a new capital in the rugged north-ern part of the island, so far relatively unscathed, where hundreds of refugees are living in churches or corrugated-iron huts often without water of

flushing toilets.

It was from that zone, at a makeshift jetty known as Little Bay, that refugees continued to flee on a small ferryboat to the island of Antigua. Prohably fewer than half the island's 11,000 residents are still here but most who have fled say they would come hack if the north



Israel keeps up Oil town finds a the pressure on **Palestinians**

Eric Silver

Israel yesterday resisted pres-sure from the United States to relax economic sanctions imposed on the 2 million Palesinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip after last Wednesday's suicide bombing, which killed 13 Israeli civilians in a Jerusalem market.

After more than three bours of talks in Jerusalem with Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, the Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, insisted that Yasser Arafat must first convince him that he was fighting the men of violence Israel, he said, was allowing

food and medical supplies to en-ter the Palestinian territories, but that was all.

"If they [the Palestinian Au-thority] begin to fight terrorism, we will review the various steps that were taken in order to make them fight terrorism. If they act, we shall act."

Washington doubts the wisdom of the sanctions. The State Department said on Tuesday that withholding tax revenues collected by Israel on behalf of

the Palestinian Authority was counter-productive".

Similar arguments have been urged on Mr Netanyahu by the European Union, Egypt and Jordan. But the Prime Minister is not hudging.
Madeleine Albright, the US
Secretary of State called on both

Israelis and Palestinians yesterday to do more to advance the peace process and said she is planning to travel to the re-gion by the end of the month. The Palestinians are feeling the pinch. Under the peace

agreement, Israel collects about \$500m (£300m) a year in VAT and other taxes for Mr Arafat's exchequer. It is refusing to hand over about \$25m. At the same time, more than 100,000 Palestinian day labourers are denied access to jobs in Israel.

Because Israel is keeping back the tax revenues, tens of thousands of Palestinian public employees are not being paid. The Americans argue that this is no way to achieve Mr Ne-tanyahu's aims. "If you want a highly-motivated police force to round up terrorists," one diplo-mat said yesterday, "you've got

David Usborne New York

The good people of Houston, Texas, may sbortly bave one more brand of bottled water to consider alongside Perrier and Evian. The name has not yet been chosen, but the prove-

amount from their own taps for something less than one tenth of a cent. Market it right, the city believes, and the bottles will fly for brands of appellation top con-trole are North Miami, Florida

and Kansas City.

Gary Hemphell, an analyst

new source of wealth on tap

nance has: the city taps. Mesmerised by the red-hot growth of the bottled water narket - it has doubled in size in the United States in the last ten years - the city government in Houston is actually considering drawing water from its municipal supply, putting it in plastic bottles and then selling

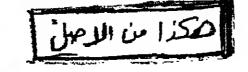
it in supermarkets.

Never mind that consumers will be asked to pay as much as one dollar for a quart of the wa-ter if it is packaged in bottles when they could take the same from the shelves. Other US cities drawing up similar plans

for Beverage Marketing in New York, says he is not surprised by what at first seems to be an incredibly cheeky idea. In 1996 alone, he points out, super-market sales in the US of wa-ter in small bottles grew by an incredible 22 per cent. The seg-ment is on fire," he said

But when brands like Evian sell principally on the appeal uf the pure and natural origins of the water, drawn from pristine Alpine springs and aquifers, it is hard to imagine how Houston will dress up a product so self-evidently un-natural as wa-ter that has been chemically treated. "It may be an uphill bat-tle," says Mr Hemphell. Enthusiasm in Houston is not

likely to be dented, however. We just note that for whatever reason, people seem to like to get their water out of bottles these days," the deputy direc-tor of public works, Dan Jones. told the New York Times. "And we've got especially good water, as municipal water goes". One possible name under consideration: "Houston Superior" How about "Houston Chutz-



the leader page

Don't panic, 'family life' is quietly thriving

amily is one of those words it is in a family with two parents, that four almost impossible to use in a of every five dependent children live non-evaluative way. Like community, home, perhaps even market, it has come to connote something positive. Even the statisticians have capitulated. Instead of their chilly and non-evaluative term "household" they are now prepared to "focus on families". That, at least, is the title of a new compilation from the Office for National Statistics.

te for generation

As usual, it is an immaculate conception, clear and comprchensible, a must-read for those tempted to opinc about the decline and fall of this most central of social institutions.

The risk the statisticians run is that the right-wing social panickers will ask why haven't they been even more evaluative, as they bemoan the indices of deterioration in the sacred family in their newspaper columns this morning. The reply is twofold.

A first response says, contrary to social wisdom as peddled by the Daily Mail, "family" life is alive and remarkahly well. We all continue, men and women, to hond with one another, live together, have children, look after them reasonably well and when they in their turn have children while we may not all live together we keep in contact, on the phone, getting together for high days and holidays.

Let it he shouted from the rooftops

in a "family", with a mum and a dad. The second answer says that priests may mount their pulpits and secretaries of state may pull their legisla-tive levers but at the end of the day "micro" social behaviour appears to be immune to the urgings of moralisers and ministers.

The way we couple, procreate, evaluate our own lives and our choices helongs to a realnt ungoverned by and perhaps ungovernable by those who claim to possess social authority. We fall in and out of love, we cherish our offspring unofficially, and that is a fact worth celebrating.

Our society is not the first to find it hard to register social change except as deterioration. A few counterintuitive facts help. According to Social Focus on Families, the phenomenon of tatchkey kids" is tess prevalent now than a generation ago; that is to say, fewer children return after school to empty homes. When they return (to their mothers, generally speaking) families now do much less cating together than they once did. We all graze or snack more and there are fewer family meals.

Yet only those who are certain the past was better can judge that itl. Flow many forty-somethings recollect mealtimes that were strained and stilted, that the majority of children grow up conversation limited to grunts, mono-



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syllables and hysterical outhursts by

both parents and children? Meanwhile the notion that all the curves are heading in the same direction is dispelled by these data. Marriage is an institution in motion, to be sure - ask Mrs Rohin Cook, not to mention the partner of ex-premier John Major's son, let alone the lovers of princes and paupers, husbands,

wives and mistresses high and low.
But lo and behold the divorce rate among late twenty-somethings (a key age for marriage hust-up) seems to have levelled. Yes, two in five marriages contracted now look like end-

ing in divorce, but the 60 odd per cent that don't look pretty solid. Could it be that certain marriages are destined to tast, that a certain fraction of the marrying population is fortunate enough, strong-willed enough or complacent enough to keep things

together through thick and thin? This new collection reminds us of the fact of marital renewal, as a large slice of the divorced population remarries. It's true that "once hitten twice shy" holds less for men than for women but the idea that marriage is going out of fashion is simply not true.

What is incontrovertible is that we

of living without women's input into both the formal economy and households. The tables in this report should be required reading for all those writers who wring their hands and mop their brows over the fate of modern men. The brute fact is that women work outside the home and they work within it. Social change has not yet done much for the domestic division of labour. More children may be snacking rather than eating formal meals but guess which parent buys the biscuits?

The Office for National Statistics has been pregnant with this collection for some time. Given the salience of family matters in public policy and the wealth of material available both through official surveys and the work paid for by the Economic and Social Research Council - notably the British Household Panel Survey - it wasn't absence of data that was the problem. Would Tim Holt, the Registrar General, bave brought this out while the Tories still ruled?

Withal, we should be grateful, while noticing the lacunae. What actually happens bebind the family front, let alone the bedroom doors, is not on display here. The implicit contracts men and women enter into with each other, the way some mothers and daughters cement a relationship that lasts till death parts them, turning

cannot sustain our general standards grandparents into invaluable assistants in child-rearing, the reason why certain family units "work" despite material bandicap or the absence of significant adults ... That is the empire of love, of affection that springs up autonomously, exceedingly difficult to measure, impossible to rule. It does not appear in imminent danger.

A novel approach, if nothing else

If you want to send a message, said Sam Goldwyn to his film producer colleagues, use Western Union. What he meant was that there are certain things film is good for and certain things for which older technology is much better suited. If you want to write a novel, we are tempted to say to John Updike and his Internet collaborators, get a word processor, some paper and most important of all - a critical editor. The World Wide Weh will, one day, lend itself to creative endeavour, perhaps utilising its unique ability to jump hetween bodies of text and graphics. It possesses its own grammar, its own dynamics; let it find an appropriate content. It is not, on the evidence of the Updike oeuvre, a medium for creative fiction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Korea wants Britain as a partner

Sir: Your leader ("High stakes in Korea, and rewards to match", 6 August) is very perceptive: we as a nation do indeed "have a lot tied up in Korea" and this is not as widely known as it should be. To the strategic, trade and investment interests you draw attention to, it is important to add education. science and technology. Korean school students are renowned for their performance in international league tables in maths and science, while Britain is perceived to he good at the creative aspects of education. We naturally complement each other. Hence the increasing number of Koreans seeking sixth-form and university education in Britain.

South Korean government has planned investment growth over the next few years on a generous scale that clearly recognises their importance in a modern economy. Again, Britain is perceived to be a good partner with its long tradition of discovery and innovation. There are messages here that our new government should be listening to carefully. We need a strong science hase to respond to these opportunities.

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Education, science and technology will also be key players in the eventual reconciliation of North and South. A future united Korea will remember who its partners were in the immensely difficult period of transition. Professor DENIS NOBLE, FRS Balliol College.

Sir. Your leader refers to "High stakes in Korea, and rewards to match"; (5 August). Naturally it is the isolation, the fragile economy and the current humanitarian catastrophe in North Korea that compels our attention.

We tend to measure and judge North Korea in terms of recent history. An appreciation that this i an ancient culture that has been criticised and threatened and indeed invaded many times does not excuse the current official attitude demonstrated by North Korea but may explain why contact with the outside world is so ientative.

With limited knowledge. therefore, how do we respond? I suggest by focusing on the innocent, those who have not created the crisis, those who may as future citizens and indeed leaders hold positive ideas about foreign attitudes and foreign aid.

It is the children of North Korea and their carers who need our understanding and support now. They are innocent. We now know that thousands of these children will die or suffer appalling illness and mainourishment unless external assistance exists. This need surpasses politics and bistory and cultures.

Following two donations of aid last year, Children's Aid Direct is about to commence a programme of food distribution to 17,000 children in Sunchon City, to the north of Pyongyang. A grant from the European Union makes this possible on one level. It is, bowever, the agreement of the North Korean authorities that will make this a reality. They value their children. They see them as the future. DAVID H W GRUBB Executive Director



Sir: "Koreans are a rather jolly bunch", according to your leading article today (5 August). Obviously not the same Koreans who were my sadistic camp guards while I was a Japanese PoW in Java from 1942 to 1945. Jolly?Ugh! However, my congratulations on

an otherwise excellent leader. REX REYNOLDS Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan

Combatting car fumes

Sir: New evidence ("6,000 heart attacks a year from car fumes". 5 August) supports the Government's commitment to reducing private car usage, and demonstrates that urban traffic congestion is a hurden on the NHS as well as UK husiness.

The research also strengthens the case of those arguing for a reversal of the road hierarchy to one favouring public transport over private - which incorporates a public transport "carrot" (smooth llow of buses) with a private transport "stick" (reduced private

road space). A first step in the right direction is to combat the blocking of bus lanes with the use of cameras fitted to the front of huses to identify offending motorists currently being piloted in North London

Many urban car users will be reticent to leave their car at home if alternative transport is not seen to be quicker. JOEY HUGHES Socialist Environment & Resources Association

Sir: With regard to your article relating heart attacks to cur fumes, when driving behind a vehicle with a catalytic converter one is frequently assailed by the smell of hydrogen sulphide (a smell of

Hydrogen sulphide is only marginally less toxic than hydrogen cyanide, and both can cause cyanosis, leading to heart failure. The question is, which is more toxic in the concentration we breathe, hydrogen sulphide, or the sulphur dioxide which is emitted from cars not fitted with a catalytic converter? TERRY SCOTT Nottingham

Sir: There are mitigating circumstances surrounding recent findings that every year 6,000 people suffer from heart attacks as a result of traffic pollution.

L for one, will never have a heart attack despite living io central London. Why such a bold statement? Because, as a vegan, 1 have a cholesterol level of 122 mg/dl.
The Framingham Heart Study,

which bas been running for over 40 years, has shown that nobody with n cholesterol level under 150 mg/dl will have a heart attack. incidentally, as a result of oot eating animal products, almost all vegans have cholesterol levels helow 150. ANDREW BUTLER, Campaigns Co-ordinator People for the Ethical Treatment

of Animals

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Quality of police investigations

Sir: Peter Moorhouse, the Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority, reveals a telling sensitivity to any hint of criticism of police investigations conducted under the supervision of his

members (Letters, 4 August). The deliberations in the corridors of the PCA and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) on the tragic death of Shiji Lapite concluded in their decisions that the police officers involved should not face criminal or disciplinary proceedings - decisions which they were unable to uphold or justify before the High Court.

One would have thought it inevitable that those deliberations must have been shaped and influenced by the quality of the information received from the police investigation into that case. The Chairman would have us believe that there was nothing wrong with the quality of that police investigation, in which event the decision makers in the PCA and the CPS are left to shoulder on their own the entire responsibility for the manifest efforts undertaken to avoid the obvious implications of the evidence as revealed before the High Court.

As it is, the PCA conceded before the court that their decision not to recommend disciplinary cbarges was flawed and unjustifiable because they bad allowed themselves to be tax, potentially our fairest tax, is persuaded against recommending much less progressive than it used

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disciplinary charges by representations from the Commander of the Metropolitan Police Complaints Investigation Bureau which were subsequently

found to be misleading.

The PCA may indeed be a "force for change", providing the Chairman and his members show themselves to be more willing to resist the temptation of compromise and capitulation under the inevitable pressure of the police lobby on every aspect of their statutory functions in relation to the police complaints process. RAJU BHATT B M Birnberg & Co London NWI

Overtaxation of the poor

Sir: Simon Brandenburger (Letters, I August) reflects the view now held by many thoughtful people that our taxation rates are too low. The result, of course, is that the Government has to allow interest rates to be high, and the pound, in turn, has a value high enough to affect our export trade adversely. Higher tax rates would enable the NHS and education to be improved, and our exports and employment to increase.

Any review of our tax system should address the question of fairness. The present system is unfair, and was deliberately made so by the Conservatives. Income

to be, and it represents only about a quarter of the Government's receipts. Inheritance tax has one rate only, whereas capital transfer tax, which it replaced, was graduated. Value added tax, 8 per cent in 1979, stands more than doubled at 17.5 per cent.

This system overtaxes poor people and undertaxes rich people, and it is one of the reasons why the gap between rich and poor is so wide today. On moral, social, and economic grounds, something should be done to increase revenue and make the system fairer. JOHN WYMER Bridport, Dorset

Running out of waste space

Sir: Your leading article (30 July) suggests that waste in London is not a problem and all is well. This is not the case. London's domestic waste largely goes untreated into holes in the ground in adjacent counties. We will run out of space in less than 10 years. London at present only recycles 6 per cent of its waste and without major action will never achieve the Government's unambitious target of 25 per cent. The economic gain which recycling could bring, through new industries

and jobs, is being thrown away. The London Planning Advisory Committee is consulting on new policies for waste in London, proposing a moratorium on new incinerators in London until 2002 and the safeguarding of sites for new waste-related industries. ROBIN G CLEMENT Deputy Chief Planner, London Planning Advisory Committee

Childhood stress in the 1930s

Sir: Professor MacBeath's statement that "kids nowadays experience stress that kids didn't before" (2 August) must not go unchallenged.

I recall growing up in the 1930s: we had far greater unavoidable stress to cope with. Our childhood was spent under the shadow of one great conflict and in the expectation of another. We had no free medical treatment and no antibiotics. There was then no compulsory testing for TB in cattle; milk often came from affected cows. Hospital treatment was sometimes barsh and uosympathetic (I speak from personal experience). There was no safety net for the working class.

I took my School Certificate during the London Blitz (lessons were sometimes given in the school ur-raid sbelter). Had 1 not passed in Maths and English. I would have been ohliged to re-sit the whole syllahus. In my life at least, religion loomed large; for several years l lived in fear of eternal damnation.

I am happy to say that our children did not have these same burdens to bear, nor, I hope, will their children. Today's stress for children is, of course, undeniable, but it is different and, dare I say it. sometimes avoidable. JOHN DOUCH

Wellingborough, Northamptonshire Sir: As a university lecturer, former

psychiatric nurse and active researcher in the field of mental health, my reactions to your article "Learning to cope with stress, aged 11" (2 August) were mixed.

Certainly some forms of stress such as family hreakdown and bereavement - are unavoidable. In that sense the value of leaching young people how to cope with stress cannot be disputed. But to suggest that the most appropriate and schoolwork is to teach young people stress management rechniques is to miss the point.

If schoolwork has indeed become so stressful that young people cannot cope with it without being taught stress management, there is something fundamentally wrong with the education system. In that sense a more appropriate intervention than teaching stress management would be to identify and eliminate those aspects of the educational system which are making children feel miserable, depressed, rejected and inadequate. That would be true mental health promotion. JOHN HOPTON Lecturer in Applied Social Studies University of Manchester

Congratulations to all 97-year-olds

Sir: It is certainly right and proper to congratulate Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on reaching her 97th birthday, as you did today ("97 reasons to be cheerful", 5 August). and I join with you in those congratulations. But are we to assume from your last sentence - "Living to such an age as a cheerfully fulfilled human being - nay, merely - is a wonderful achievement, to he celebrated regardless of social status" - that from now on you will publish similar words of congratulation to all those who reach the age of 97? Or is this privilege still to be restricted solely to the privileged? The Rev Dr DAVID CHANTREY Beckbury; Shropshire

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A cleverer way to change the world

The trouble with think-tanks is that their ideas are seldom implemented and quickly fade. The new social gurus have found a better way to gain influence - they are founding their own schools. By Jack O'Sullivan

n the past, if you had a big idea, you wrote ao article, maybe even a book. Latterly, you might have started a think-tank. But these days, the smart people, who really want to make a difference, start their own school. The big anti-establishment thinkers are busy creating educational institutes in their own image, where their philosophy and practice is instilled in a clutch of eager students who will go forth and change the world.

So last month Forum for the Future, a scholarship course designed by Jonathon Porritt and Sara Parkin, Britain's best-known Green intellectuals, produced its first graduates, whose mission will be to plant the environmental creed to the most powerful sections of society. The idea is that Greens will no longer simply he marginalised, tunnelling under road workings, protesting in tree houses and producing wortby hut unread reports. They will be squat-ting highly paid, responsible jobs in busioess and government.

Meanwhile, Lord Young of Dartingtoo bas announced the foundation of his School for Social Entrepreneurs, Lord Young, now in his eighties and founder of dozens of organisations including the Consumers' Associatioo and the Open University, is probably Britain's most successful social entrepreneur. He is keen to pass on the tricks of the trade to others who might wish to start up pressure groups, charities and voluotary organisations.

His school is for "the high-minded and hardheaded", who want to demonstrate that doing good requires more than sandals and brown rice. His graduates are intended to be the movers and shakers of the iocreasingly important voluntary and charitable sector, as efficieot and innovative io their fields as the sharp-suits from the London Business School

Anita Roddick is another charismatic figure embracing this Nineties' way of making your mark. She recently started The New Academy of Business, which pursues her mission to incorporate social justice, buman rights and spirituality into business practice alongside the more common preoccupations of finance and marketing. Her aim is to find people who will put

the best practices into action, because, she says, it is not enough just to change attitudes and increase knowledge.

These schools are the new secular seminaries, where young people can learn both a philosophy and ways of putting it into practice. A seminary means literally a breeding place or oursery and that is what is oo offer, a chance to nurture a fresh generation, which will gradually infiltrate society's elites and change them from the inside. They are the do-gooding fifth columnists who will stay in touch, thanks to the Internet aod e-mail, after graduation, eveo as they spill out into organisations all over the world. Each of the schools is already oversubscribed with excellent candidates.

"There is a disillusionment with state action and with fat-cat capitalism" says Lord Young,
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of newspapers alive for a day with an idea. They want to make a go of these ideas."

Each of the new schools is modelled on the practical curriculum offered in business schools. So they focus on placing students for most of the course in major organisations. The recent graduates of the Forum for the Future, for example, worked variously in several government departments, briefing ministers, in the BBC, Tesco's, with the leadership of the political parties, in the City and oo newspapers, bringing their environmental expertise in exchange for inside knowledge of powerful institutions.

With any luck the camaraderie of those who attend our school will survive," says Lord Young. "In fact, we will make it a condition of becoming a Fellow of the School that graduates promise to commit themselves to help

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the organisation a certain number of days

In many ways, this idea of forming a school is old. Most great religious and philosophical figures, from Coofucius to Jesus will be remembered for their innovative thinking. But it is easily forgotten that their lasting impact also reflected their talent as teachers, who created a band of loyal followers. So, back in the fourth century BC, Plato established his Academy, whose intention was to further his ideas. It was not destroyed until 900 years later and the coocept was so successful it was revived in 15th century Florence by the

Medicis, who sponsored Marsilio Ficino's influential Platonic Academy.

It bas also long been common for the megarich to fund grand scholarships that reflect the donors' ideals. So the imperial legacy of Cecil Rhodes is given life by the Rhodes Scholarship which brings the elite from the corners of the old empire to study in Oxford. And the Hark-ness Fellowship sends graduates to the United States to convert them into Atlanticists in the image of Stephen Harkness, an oil millionaire whose legacy was designed to boost the Anglo-

American relationship.

More receotly, Paul McCartney employed some of his millions in trying to show would-be pop stars how to make it, by providing funding for his "Fame" institute, the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, which is based in his old, hut now refurbished school.

Charismatic individuals have also often created enthusiastic followers. Keynes was just one of many successful university academics who have spawned schools of thought in their name. At the turn of the ceotury there was a group known as the Milner Kindergarten, whose memhers had all been recruited in Oxford after the Boer War by Alfred Milner, British High Commissioner to South Africa. They became some of the great figures of colonial administration. Likewise Lord Rothschild, who started the Centre for Policy Studies, a Downing Street think-tank in 1971, nurtured acolytes such as Sir Robin Butler and William Waldegrave whose influence is only now on the wane.

It is also hardly surprising that figures such as Young, Roddick, Parkin and Porritt - for whom the Sixties were so important and formative - should have fallen on the guru concept. They have all been influenced by the mystics of

But the creation of schools for policy evan-gelism chiefly reflects modero conditions and a disillusionment with other methods of trying to change society. Think-tanks bave been fash-ionable for 20 years and those on the right enjoyed particular prominence until Demos, a centre-left think tank, stole the limelight in recent years. Yet it is arguable whether any of these organisations bave really had much lasting influence. Their capacity to attract media attentioo can secure publicity for new ideas, but amid the din of new reports, studies and surveys it is hard to get yourself beard. And think-tanks have no clear way of implementing what they

propose. Since they are mainly political organisations, they depend on politicians taking up their ideas, an increasing problem in an era when politicians are declining in importance.

he history of think-tanks may well accord greatest success to the right-wing Institute of Economic Affairs, which pursued from the Fifties, with dogged determination, the project of securing free markets and individual liberty from the state. It took 20 years before those as were generally accepted. But most other think-tanks bave tended to be not much more than the intellectual outriders of the prevailing political shift, be it to Thatcherism or Blairism.

"A major problem is that the debate thinktanks provoke tends to fade away," says Lord Young. "Unless ideas are quite remarkable they are always overtaken by events. There are not many moments like the production of the Beveridge report, when the timing was perfect. So only very remarkable pieces of work, like C P Snow's on the "two cultures", will last. Whereas, if you actually start something which is a vehicle for the idea, theo it becomes like a book unfolding. The hook is being rewritten every year. At the end of the year, it may look very different from the beginning. But it carries on. That's why organisations that are about action and oot just thinking have more of a feel

Martin Jacques, who helped found Demos in 1993, agrees that the creation of new schools may become more common. "If you want to embed your ideas more deeply in a sector, then influ-

encing a small set of people who will carry the ideas forward can make a big difference. It could be that we are seeing a hybrid growing up which is midway between the old style mass movement and the more flighty promiscuity of thinktanks, organisations where you are producing both new thinking and developing practitioners in the same colle

He also sees the new schools as both a challenge to and sign of the inflexibility of universities. "The universities are too cut off from society and not good at creating common borders with society. In contrast, he thinks that the new breed of schools is connecting academic thinking with real life.

The success of such institutions will, however, depend oo how much their founders are able to inspire students rather than simply create a fan club. "These people will need to be liberated as autonomous movers and shakers. They will be failures if they are just clones," warns Ted Wragg, Professor of Education at Exeter University. "Fortunately, gurus are not usually worth cloning. And certainly Michael Young, whom I regard as one of the great figures of the century, would be borrified at the idea of anyone being quite like him. The same goes for Anita Roddick.

One of the greatest thinkers, Confucius, understood this danger well, warning, in almost Socratic manner, against indoctrination. "If, out of the four corners of a subject, I have dealt thoroughly with one coroer, and the pupils cannot find out the other three for themselves, theo I do not explain anymore. The new gurus of the Nineties should take note.



And you thought inner cities were bad? proportion. I don't hit houses about. She very sooo found for a hobby," she went on, out. Within seconds she was

One evening last December Mrs Heather Edvean-Driscoll, 49, of Kites Hardwick in Warwickshire. was approaching the pretty hamlet of Dunchurch, near Rugby, behind the wheel of her Land-Rover Discovery. According to a following taxi driver, Mrs E-D was driving "erratically" when - all of a sudden - she overshot a bend. hit a bollard and careered into The Old Forge, a nearby cottage. The airbag on the driver's side inflated, leaving an encumbered Mrs E-D to guess what her next move

should now be. Alas, she guessed wrong. Throwing the vehicle ioto reverse, she backed - at speed - into The Old Dairy, a half-timbered property and the idyllic domicile of Mr Peter and Mrs Jennifer Trewren. Such was the force with which the Land-Rover connected with The Old Dairy, that the vehicle smashed entirely through one wall and came to rest 7ft inside the living room. As ill luck would have it, it was into this very room but a few moments carlier that Mrs Trewten had dashed, in order to see what the

lying - badly cut - with her own central heating radiator on her legs - looking up at the back axle of Mrs E-D's four-wheel drive, and reflecting that this was as bad a piece of parking as she bad encountcred in her 52 years on the planet. When the case came to

court last week, several interesting aspects of the attitudes of those involved were highlighted. There was the ingenious barrister for the driver, a Mr Burbidge, who argued that the manner of his client's driving suggested "hadly balanced wheels". True, he agreed, she had panicked. However, "If she was a woman of sturdier resolve", continued Mr Burbidge, "the bandbrake would have gone on immediately. But she moved the gear stick and it went into reverse". Connoisseurs of the English language will enjoy the implication that the fatal move was the work of an autonomous gear stick, as well as the assertion that the

use of the handbrake is an

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Then there was Mrs Trewren, whose broken foot and cut leg led her to criticise the leniency of the judge in only banning Mrs E-D for three years, and ordering her to do 150 hours of community service. "She could have killed me and she's allowed to walk free. I've seen no sign of remorse,

no apology." This uncharitable view does at least stem from a proper observation of Mrs Edyvean-Driscoll, whose own comment on the affair was to argue that "the whole thing was inflated out of

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"I've got better things to do, you know, than go waltzing

into people's front rooms. This delightful tale serves once more to remind us townies that country people really are as different a breed as their recent demonstration in Hyde Park averred. They blend recklessness with a love of home in a way that citydwellers find confusing. hunting the fox, coursing the hare, baiting the badger and belting around the lanes in their Land-Rovers at top speed and driving into each other's cottages. It's the kind

of thing that villagers do. Villagers. You only have to read the word "villagers" in a newspaper, and you know that someone is in trouble. In the same week that Mrs E-D appeared before the beak, reports also surfaced concerning the two lottery winners who have bought a nice house in a small village In their garden they constructed a lovely children's playground, with walkways. towers, rope swings and slides, all made out of natural wood and costing £20,000; the sort of playground that graces many city parks to the

gratitude of child and parent

And the villagers objected. "It looks like something out of Tenko," said one campaigner. So, where you or I might see a structure redolent with the memories of childbood adventure, the "villagers" see a Japanese concentration camp, reminding them of torture and death. This week it looked as though their pathetic campaign to tear down the climbing frame would succeed.

There are - it seems to me two types of villager, both of them essentially insular and backward. At its extreme, the first is inbred, bostile. violent and determined to wreck the local ecology. The extreme versioo of the second - more recent incomer - is selfish, unreasonable and dedicated to obliterating any disturbances to their substantial ease. Both might easily unite to prevent the construction of a child's wonderland. And both deserve to have Mrs Heather Edyveao-Driscoll drive by their Old Cottage on a winter's eve.

Miles Kington is on holiday

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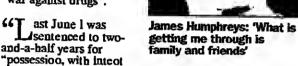
The cost to society is so great it makes me dizzy'

Polly Toynbee introduces James Humphreys, the student imprisoned for possession of cannabis and Ecstasy, who writes here from prison

ames Humpbreys will be uut of prison mext month, after a sentence that mushroom cloud from my room with a defies common humanity or common sense. I wrote about his case a couple of mooths ago - not because it was extraordinary, but hecause it is so common. Today he writes his own story from inside prison. He was seotenced to two-and-a-half years after police found cannabis and Ecstasy in the house he shared with uther Manchester students. Ecstasy is, absurdly, a Class A drug with a recommended sentence of three to five years. Luckily, the experience hasn't destroyed him, as these way observations suggest. Nor has it turned him intu a heroin addict, which is a real danger for anyooe entering prison these days. Manchester University is going tu take him back,

which is a mercy.
But what was his sentence for? Prisons are full of mioor drug offeoders who should he serving community sentences. Process-

ing one addict through the courts and jail costs an average £36,000 - yet many offenders will never get near a treatment programme. The prisoo population, at 62,000, is soaring out of cootrol, while US research shows how every dollar spent oo drug treatment saves \$7 in crime. All in all, some £48,000 bas been wasted oo James's case - a pretty ineffective skirmish in the "war against drugs".



to supply Ecstasy and canoabis." I was taking my turn to get it for my small group of adult, university friends and immediately took the blame and pleaded guilty. It was my first offence and I was

What is getting me through this sentence is having supportive family and friends, and I might have been driven completely insane if I badn't managed to find some humour in my situation. This can be bard at times because prison is a relative wilderness for comedy. There is nothing funny about people having their lives wasted. But there is plenty of irony Sometimes my blood boils, the oext minute it runs cold. Prisoo is a strange, ofteo surreal, experience and quite a culture shock in cootrast to the heavenly, chemical-fuelled university days that

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My first experience of prisoo was Strangeways, which has uodergone vast improvements since the riots. For two weeks I was banged up oo the ioduction wing with a Moss Side gangster, and, immediately, I was learning the art of armed robhery and how to sell drugs without being caught. Now, after a year, I have amassed comprehensive, ocfarious skills ranging from how to steal a car and counterfeit fraud to how to get away with murder in three easy steps. The otherwise uoeventful first two weeks were punctuated by the IRA's attempt at landscaping the centre of Manchester. I

t soon had a cell with a TV and ensuite toilet, but room service was terrible. The staff were rude and kept insisting on searching my underpants for God knows what, and even wanted me to urinate into a beaker. I've never been so iosulted in my life! I'd have to award Strangeways only two stars. Fortunately, I was uoly there a month, but unfortunately, I was muved tu Haverigg, which is a remote seaguil colony in Cumbria. I suspect that the area is also the site of some terrible radioactive disaster judging by the range uf morphulugical abnormalities sported by the local species.

t spent some time there oo a billet of smack-head Scousers, who would steal my outgoing mail for the stamps. Many a night I fell asleep to the tranquil sounds

of them vomiting in the toilets because they had had too much "toot" (heroin). Drugs are an omnipresent force in prison, actually cheaper and more easily available than on the outside. It is a sorely tempting route of escape and the source uf the most violeot disputes, as people get into debt. Not even one star for Haverigg, I'm

If you are good in prison, you get to a place like the one I am at now, a Category D

definitely five-star. I get temporary release in the form of home leave on a regular basis, and there is oo fence to speak of. There is even a public footpath running through the grounds. I am a

person again.
I'm on Education at the moment,
which completes the illusion of prison
being like boarding school, especially being woken up by the sound of a bell (iocidentally, the bloke who rings the bell is in for ringing stolen cars). In "art and craft" I am surrounded by gangsters and yardies, who sit there going "Bloodclotl" and "Badboyl", and calling all women their girlfriends. It still makes me angry to see so many

people inside who shouldn't be. The social ramifications and the cost to society are so great I feel dizzy just thinking about it. I mean, when, for instance, are we going to stop jailing people for cannabis? The only person who has died from that in 20,000 years was killed wheo a half-ton block landed oo his head. Anyway, I have been feeling more like myself recently, as my release date approaches. The election has especially cheered me up, mainly because my ocmesis, Michael Howard, is now powerless. I had the privilege of Anne Widdecombe coming to see my cell on a prisoo visit in the dying days of the Tory leadership, and oow even she has turned oo him. Perhaps there is some hope for the human race, after all."

Can it be wrong to 'black up' for Othello?

by David Lister

remarkable event is tak-ing place at the National Theatre this week - a production of Shakespeare's Othello. The National's new artistic director, Trevor Nunn, says he is keen on rediscoveriog neglected classics. Well, Othello is certainly one.

This new production is the first at the National since Paul Scofield played the Moor in 1980. At the Royal Shakespeare Company, where one might expect the play to be performed every few seasons, Beo Kings-ley starred in the last mainhuuse productiun, in 1985. There have been assorted Macbeths, Hamlets and King Lears in the intervening years at both companies. But the fourth of Shakespeare's great tragedies has become the play that dare not speak its name.

Tu the consternation uf directors, actors, audiences and students who have Othello as an examination text nearly every year, one of the most famous works in the English language has become a victim of political correctness. The heads of our national companies have been too scared to put it on.

The reason, uf course, is the fear of outraging liberal upin-ion by having a white actor "black up". And with an appar-eot shortage of black acturs well known enough for the role, the play is simply oeglected. The RSC did put on a studio production a few years back with the gifted black opera singer Willard White in the title role. Yet, though Mr White was publicised as being a talented actor, in addition to his undoubted international reputation as a a singer, he has not taken a

straight stage-acting role since. Last year, the RSC's artistic director, Adrian Noble, who is desperate himself to direct the play for the first time, made an approach to black Hollywood film star Morgan Freeman to play Othello in Stratford-upon-Avon. But it was rejected. Few Hollywood agents are likely to allow their chemis to spend a year working at the pay rates dictated by British subsidised theatre. So the RSC, the company set

up to perform Shakespeare's plays, will cootinue oot to stage one of his most important, powerful and poetic works. The National, for the first time in 17 years, is at last staging the play. David Harewood, a young black actor, may prove to be a triumph in the title role. But, let us be bonest, oo white actor with a similar background would be playing the lead in a Shakespeare tragedy at the NT. Harewood, 32, has never yet acted in a national company or West End play, but bas starred io British regional theatre and



is barred at the highest level to every white actor in the country.

Many would argue that there is a good reason for this. Namely, that it is offensive to black people to see a white actor put on dark make-up and pretend to be black. Not only is politically and culturally offensive, with hazy memories of The Black and White Minstrel Show with its Uncle Tom

Shakespearean kings (Fiona Shaw as Richard II and Kathryn Hunter as King Lear, most recently).

We also live in an era, thank heavens, of more multiracial casting than ever before. Audiences for Shakespeare are at last becoming colour-blind, Black actors and actresses play Plaotagenet prioces and princesses. There are still not enough on stage; but qualms

the NT were filled with sleeping hags as the queues built np to see the next night's erformance. But time has added a politi-

cally incorrect dimension to Olivier's performance. The comedian Harry Enfield has parodied it. And the present National Theatre director, the Richard Eyre, described Olivier's perfor-mance as "barely risible". That

Institute at Birmingham University, says: "There is a large element of political correctness in the feeling that it's somehow wrong to cast anyone hut a black actor in the role. I think myself something is lost by it. The play deals in the paradoxes of black and white. Iago is white outside hut 'black' inside ... Further, it's a great shame to deprive white actors of one of the most demanding roles in the repertoire. I would like to see Brian Cox in the role, for example."

Others argue that the ideal position is for many more black actors to gain sufficient experience and stature to be able to play the role. We certainly need more black actors and actresses at every level. But this, too, misses the point - that Othello is a role that should be a career peak for every performer.

Theatre can have enormous performance. It should not be bedevilled by the pressures of political correctness. And the National's current Othello must not be the last for yet another

No one has ever criticised Placido Domingo at the Royal Opera House. Why is a white man singing the role permissible, but acting it beyond the pale?

because Equity has a dispro- faded. portionate number of unemployed black actors on its books. How galling it would be reticence on the part of white for them, let alone the black community as a whole, to see a white actor transform himself into a black man.

It is a powerful argumeot. But the theatre is oot real life. It is a place for artifice, which depends oo disguise and dress-log up. The disguising of a white actor for the role of the Moor is a 400-year-old tradition. Tradition does not justify something that is morally wrong. But is it really morally wrong to do this in the sphere of acting, where pretence is of the essence?

The argument that white

Except when it comes to this

One role. This self-time theatre directors - significantly not provoked as far, as one can tell, by any requests from the hlack community - means that we do oot have a chance to see leading, experienced, white actors take on one of the most challenging parts, or indeed enable those actors to measure themselves in theatrical history against earlier Othellos, including Laurence Olivier and John

Gielgud.
Perhaps the root of the trouble lies with Olivier. His portrayal of Othello for the National Theatre in the Sixties, which I was privileged to see playing black is not realistic has at a very young age, was a eveo less force as we live in an magnificent and memorable in Antony and Cleopatra off era where women can play triumph. The streets outside

gestures: It is also offensive about naturalism have all but most certainly was not the view of audiences at the time. Another puzzling aspect of

this debate is that no one has ever criticised Placido Domingo, who blacks up regularly at the Royal Opera House to sing in Verdi's Otello. Why is a white man singing the role permissible, but acting it beyond the pale? In academie circles there is growing unease with the bar

oo white actors playing the part. Professor Stanley Wells, director of the Shakespeare

social and political impact on our lives. But it remains a decade by our national companies. It is time to reclaim this play for regular performance, and by our greatest actors, be they black or white.

The traveller foils a Cornish conspiracy

o to Land's End," said Mrs
Downey, who ran the Penzance guest house. "You
probably won't like it. But you'll be
of the resident population without able to say you've been." I sat at the little table in the corner of my pink and blue ruffled bedroom (only the ceiling was painted landlady white) and thought as I ate my full English breakfast, sausage included. I was supposed to be setting off for Wales, having previously decided oot to bother with this south-westerly extremity of the British Isles. It was only a bit of cliff like any other, after

Everyone was telling me not to go. The woman behind the counter at the railway buffet in Liskeard where I had arrived in Cornwall had said it formidable. As I left my digs an wasn't worth the effort. So had the man in the ticket office. "Mind you," he said somewhat sullenly, "I don't anyway. I wasn't born here," he anyway. I wasn't born here, "he anyway. I wasn't born here," he added, as if that explained every thing. He was from Devon and had only come here when he was 12. That was over 20 years ago, but he clearly still sawsinnself as a foreigner. He wasn't going on holiday this year. he was saving up to go to New England to see the Fall in 1998. Now that was real countryside. "I wouldn't bother a with Land's Fall." much like the scenery round here

Colin Lawry had been more than indifferent, "It's been spoiled," said Cornwall County Council's only Mebyon Kernow (Sons of Cornwall) nationalist. He had two objections - economic and aesthetic. "It's been turned into a tourist theme park," he said. Tourism was all well and good in its place but it had serious discounted in the said.

ture - hospitals, roads and so on -which are funded only oo the basis of the resident population without taking account of visitors." And it distracted policy-makers from better alternatives. "You should go somewhere else," be said.

With such a united front telling me to avoid the place there was only one

thing to do. I set out for Land's End. It was partly contrariness, partly because giving way to whim is one of the joys of travelling. Changing our plans is part of what creates the sense of freedom which only the most hardened determinist could call an

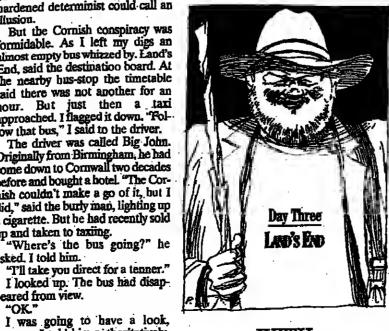
But the Cornish conspiracy was almost empty bus whizzed by. Land's End, said the destination board. At the nearby hus-stop the timetable said there was not another for an hour. But just then a taxi approached. I flagged it down. "Fol-

low that bus," I said to the driver. The driver was called Big John. Originally from Birmingham, he had come down to Cornwall two decades before and bought a hotel. "The Cornish couldn't make a go of it, but I did," said the burly man, lighting up a cigarette. But he had recently sold up and taken to taxing.

asked. I told him. "I'll take you direct for a tenner." I looked up. The bus had disappeared from view.

because, I told him authoritatively, Land's End had been spoiled. part-time, low-paid and seasonal. It many people worked there, in the car

A JOURNEY AROUND THE WHOLE ISLAND OF GREAT BRITAIN



WITH PAUL VALLELY park and pub, in the old days? Ten. Today there's jobs for 110. These Cor-nish nationalists are all just wallys." It looked like a funfair as we approached. The old white hotel oo the eliff edge seemed to have grown

unnatural appendages – a fairground tower, a circus big top, a shopping mall, a Disney-style pirate ship and a real life trawler. But the themeparkery was restricted to a fairly coofined area; there was no entry fee, and the car park cost just £2 for the whole day. And only the churlish could object to the sentiment behind the local paper obit-style of the homely legend at the gate:

Take nothing but photographs Kill nothing but time Leave nothing but footprints.

For £19.95 you could get a family ticket for entry to everything except the Bash Street Circus. Inside, the families were queueing to enter the Deep Sea Quest submarine experience (not suitable for the under 3s. pregnant ladies or persons with back, neck and heart disorders). I passed by and entered the Smuggler'a Cavern whose only treasure was in its fruit machines. Aimlessly I wasted £1. Opposite, the families were queueing for The Relentless Sca multimedia experience.

I turned my back on the queue and cliff-top paths were almost deserted. They ran, steep, sandy and slippery to the cliff-edges. Over a rope bridge, past 150ft sheer drops on which kittiwakes could be seen close up, feeding their young, I picked my way amid the pillars of granite. Their vertical faulting had been eroded to look like the ruin of some eerie man-made construct.

heather were in bloom and flowers to Penzance.

clung to the bare rock - tiny saxifrages, pendulous little white cam-pions and the pink thrift beginning to turn to brown. The sea was a heaving restrained swell which broke powerfully, but without violence, on the rocks below where cormorants or shags perched conchalantly amid

the spray.

The height was heady. As I clambered along the ledge to the furthermost rock it felt perilous. It was a real place after all. And more than that it was a place

to start from. Between the hotel and the cliffs is a photographer who for £5 will snap you next to the official Land's End signpost. Its arms say: Isles of Scilly 28 miles

John O'Groats 874 miles New York: 3,147 miles On the fourth arm you can letter

in the name of your home town and the appropriate mileages. (The photographer has a comprehensive chart of distances.) Nearby are photos of expeditions setting out from there to Everest or to cross the Sahara. On the fourth arm, as I passed, a man was entering the name Pudsey. There is something about places

where we can start and finish. They have the same attraction as the impulse which creates art. Order shaped from chaos. A beginning and went in search of the real thing. The an end fashioned either side of an otherwise random slice of time. They create the sense that human beings can make themselves masters of their own destiny. We can take cootrol of some part of the scamless stream of our lives.

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Eugene Shoemaker

Eugene Shoemaker was acknowledged by most scientists as the father of plunetary

Shoemaker discovered that meteorite and cometary impact is a major process in the solar system. This discovery revived the largely discarded geological concept of catastrophism, which holds that short-term catastrophic events help shape the surface of the planets and oo Earth have contributed to species extinction, and thus to evolution. For this concept, Shoemaker will be remembered as one of the more important geologists of the 20th

The recognition of impact as a significant geological process allowed the establishment of the widely held hypothesis that a major meteorite impact caused the extinction of dinosaurs and many other life forms, and that major impacts threaten the earth in the future - a matter of concern today both to civil defence authorities and screenwriters.

Shoemaker was heeded by both sides during the Cold War, when he warned that a large impact could be mistaken for a nuclear explosion. His articulation that impact is a continuing process was graphically demonstrated to the world in 1994, when the comet Shoemaker-Levy, discovered by Shoemaker and David Levy, broke into pieces that crashed spectacularly

Geoe Shoemaker was concerned with both the process of impact and the population and flux of objects in the solar system (asteroids, comets, and meteoroids) that can impact planets, especially the Earth. To this end, he studied the geology of, and counted the density of, impacts on the Earth and the Mooo, and looked for comets and asteroids through the tele-scope and calculated their orbits. As a team, he and his wife and co-worker, Carolyn, dis-

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covered 32 comets and 1,125 asteroids, which is a record. Shoemaker was interested in the Mooo at an early age and

his amhition was to be a geologist-astronaut on the Moon, hut Addison's Disease prevented this, much to his chagrin. He was giving talks on the geology of the Moon in the late 1950s, although many other geologists considered this odd, to say the least. He realised that the geology

of the lunar surface could be interpreted in terms of stratigraphy, that is in terms of sequence and correlation, one layer upon the other, and very early recognised the importance of impact and volcanism in surface processes. He began the systematic mapping of the Moon by telescope. Using impact crater density and assumed impacting body fluxes, he established a method of determining relative age and approximate absolute age for the lunar surface. His methods of planetary geology are used today in studying other bodies in the solar system. Shoemaker established the

Branch of Astrogeology at the US Geological Survey in Flagstaff, Arizona; its huildings and their occupants are a living memorial to him. He was involved in the National Aerooautics and Space Administratioo (Nasa)'s early unmanned lunar exploration, and headed the Lunar Geology Team for the lunar landing on Apollo 11. He resigned that position from subsequent Apollo missions because he was unhappy with the relative lack of emphasis by Nasa on science. This was courageous, as studying the Mooo was his great love. During the Apollo programme, Shoemaker played an important role in training the astronauts before they weot to the Moon.

Gene Shoemaker was active in many other areas of geology (Colorado Plateau geology, uranium deposits, paleomagnetism and others), and in each of these he would have been distinguished had he done oothing

Shoemaker was horn in Los Angeles in 1928. He received bachelor's aod master's degrees in geology from the Cal-ifornia Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 1947 and 1948 respectively, and a PhD from Princeton in 1960. His professional life was spent with the US Geological Survey (USGS), except for three years as Chairman of the Division of Geological Sciences from

the USGS in 1993, but the retirement was only in name.

Many honours, medals, and awards deservedly came to him. Some of the more important are the US National Medal of Science (the highest scientific award in the US), the Bowie Medal of the American Geophysical Union, several honorary doctorates from US universities, membership in the US National Academy of Sciences, and the Day Medal of the Geological Society of America.

Gene Shoemaker was unusual among scientists in that he took time to educate the public about the excitement of planetary geology and the impact process through highly ar-ticulate lectures and television interviews. He also was a wonderful mentor to students: he was just as happy talking science with a young student as with a distinguished colleague. He was an excellent scientific supervisor when it came to enthusiasm inspiration, and critical review. but left a lot to be desired wheo it came to the pushing of papers and observing bureau-cratic protocols. He was loved for this failing as he was for his

inspiration of others. Shoemaker was eminently decent and simple. His scientific ethics were an example to all. and his wonder at, and the fun he got from, his science were infectious. Most things were fun to him, even, with his wife, huilding his house in Flagstaff from volcanic rock. He laughed at many things and he clearly enjoyed the magnificent trip he was on in Australia when he was killed. The vehicle he was driving crashed into a truck in desolate country north-west of Alice Springs. (His wife was injured and is recovering in the Alice Springs Hospital.)

His modesty, exuberance, and warmth endeared him to his colleagues around the world and the thousands who knew him through his lectures.

A memorial service will be held on the rim of Meteor Crater, Arizona, the impact structure oo which he did his first definitive work. The date has not been determined.

Robin Brett

Before the lecturer had so much as uttered a word, a slide went up portraying a spectacu-lar group of assorted dinosaurs. writes Tam Dalyell. The scene was the George Street lecture hall of the Royal Society of Edinhurgh oo 21 February. The distinguished audience derived mainly from Ed 1969 to 1972. He retired from universities, and the British



with a twinkle, "Comets and astronauts - they are the reasoo why we are here, and our dinosaur friends are not!"

For the oest couple of hours Shoemaker riveted academic. scientific and not easily im-pressed Scotland. We learnt that there are a million objects in the universe like the one that flatteoed vast stretches of the Siberian forest: that it was a damn close ruo thing that Halley's Comet did not hit the Earth 1.000 odd years ago; that there was a oear miss in 1770 by prohably a matter of a mere .5m kilometres, astronomically a short distance. Chances of a 10mm-loog comet hitting the Earth were one every 105.000 years, of a 20km-long comet one every 475,000 thousand years, of a 150km comet hitting the Earth one every ICU million

Whatever these figures.

est about the possible risk to Earth from Doomsday astronauts and wayward comets. Over dinner in the Preston-

field House Hotel Shoemaker regaled Peter Cook, the Director of the Geological Survey, Geoffrey Bolton, Professor of Geology and DNA Science at Edinhurgh University, and our wives with his dreams of being an astronaut himself, sadly unfulfilled by a medical coodition. Cook had first met Shoemaker in 1965 lo Flagstaff. Arizona, the home of astroge-

ology. "I was deeply impressed at that time," says Cook, "by the quality of his science and his dedication, eothusiasm and charisma. These same personal qualities were critical in persuading the Nasa to make geology a major part of all its lu-Eugene Shoemaker deserves 18 July 1997.

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giving his name to the spectacular crash ioto Jupiter of Shoemaker-Levy Above all that night in

Edinhurgh proved that he was a magical stimulator of scientifically well-founded ideas.

Eugene Merle Shoemaker, geologist: born Los Angeles 28 April 1928; geologist, US Geological Survey 1948-93, Chief, Branch of Astrogeology 1961-66, Chief Scientist, Center of Astrogeology 1966-68; Acting Director, Nasa Manned Space Sciences Division 1963; Research Associate, California Institute of Technology 1964-68, Professor of Geology 1969-85; Principal Investigator Geological field investigations in Apollo lunar landings 1965-70; married 1951 Carolyn Spellmann (one son, two daughters);

No other individual can have

achieved more on behalf of the pro-fessional community in matters of such as establishing the artist's own-

to as estandant the artist's own-ership of original drawings, the right to sell them after an agreed period, and the right to a continuing inter-est in the origing commercial suc-cess of an edition to which they had made a substantial contribution

made a substantial contribution.

Towards the end of her career

she also branched out with a

brilliant series of cut-out picture

books. The best of these is The

Village (1983), a model crammed

with everything imaginable for

sale and radiating the affectionate warmth with which this

artist was always able to sur-

Rhydwen Williams

Rhydwen Williams was a writer of prodigious, even prodigal talent who, contrary to the Welsh literary stereotype, wrote mainly about industrial and urban South Wales, in particular the Rhondda Valley where he was born, a miner'a son, in 1916.

His trilogy of novels, Cwm Hirach, generally thought to be his finest achievement in prose, is based on the story of his own family over three generations, and has some claim to be the most outstanding example in Welsh of the roman-fleuve. The first, Y Briodes ("The Wedding", 1969) deals with life in the Rhondda in his parents' day, from 1900 to 1915, when the valley was a cauldron of industrial unrest which was to boil over in the Tonypandy Riots of 1910.

In Y Siol Wen ("The White Shawi", 1970) he described the General Strike of 1926 and in Dyddiau Dyn ("A Man's Days". 1973), the economic depression which ravaged South Wales in the 1930s. These events are seen through the eyes of the author's Uncle Sion, a poet and thinker who turns against the chapel and the Lib-Labbery of William Abraham (Mabon), the Rhondda miners' leader, to embrace socialism and the ideals of the South Wales Miners' Federation, only to grow disillusioodd and hitterly opposed to the materialism of the Labour Party and the hegemony of its ocal representatives.

Williams's birth and family background in the Rhondda, the most famous of the coal-bearing valleys of South Wales, marked him indelibly and, although he was to spend the years from 1931 to 1941 away from the valley, notably at Christleton in Cheshire, to which his parents had moved in search of work and where he was intensely unhappy, it was to the Rhondda that he returned in his imagination and there, in 1941, that he was given his first pastorate at Ainon, a Baptist chapel in the mining village of Yoys hir.

His five years at Ynys-hir

were the making of him as a

poet. Hitherto he had worked at a variety of menial jobs and studied intermittently at the University Colleges of Swansea and Bangor. A conscientious objector on Welsh Nationalist grounds, he had served for a bile with a Quaker ambulance unit during the bombing of Liverpool. Of a rebellious oature, he was often in trouble with his decomination on account of his pacifism, political nationalism, unorthodox theological views, and Bohemian life-style. He had a fondness for good wine, expensive restaurants, fast cars, the theatre and good company into old age, and his profligate attitude to money was legendary. But the call to the Christian ministry had a ways been strong in him and, blessed with good looks and a voice that were compared with Richard Burtoo's, he became a powerful preacher and a gifted reader of poetry oo the Welsh

Home Service of the BBC.

His development as a poet

vas encouraged through his

friendship with the Cadwgan Circle, a coterie of Welsh writers and intellectuals who iocluded Gareth Alban Davies (later Professor of Spanish at Leeds), J. Gwyn Griffiths (later Professor of Classics and Egyptology at Swansea) and Pennar Davies (later a distinguished theologian and Principal of the lodependeots' College at Brecoo and Swansea). They met at the Griffithses' home at Pentre in the Rhondda, where they discussed contemporary European literature and, in particular, the need to liberate Welsh literature from the puritanical shackles and lyrical niceties imposed on it by the eisteddfodic tradition. What Williams learnt in these discussions was to prove more important to him than the scant formal education he had received. Huxley, Orwell and Au-

was also a close associate of Kitchener Davies, the dramatist and pioneer of the Welsh Nationalist cause in the Rhondda. Although Williams was always

more than a mere eisteddfodic writer, and was usually ready to poke fun at the Eisteddfod's conservative standards and more absurd rituals, it was at the National Eisteddfod that he first came to prominence as a poet. He woo the Crown competition in 1946 with his poem "Yr Ar-loeswr" ("The Pioneer") and again in 1964 with "Y Flynhonnau" ("The Springs"). The sec-ond of these, a long poem in the free metres (the Chair is awarded for a poem in the strict metres), is about tradition and its recewal in Rhondda society, and many readers have found it the most moving and memorable of all his works. He published nine volumes of verse, including one in English, and his Collect-

ed Poems appeared in 1991.

Leaving Ynys-hir in 1946,
he held pastorates in Resolven
and Poot-Iliw in the Swansea Valley for the next 13 years, and spent another at Rhyl on the coast of North Wales. While at Pont-Iliw he had the pleasure, at a local eisteddfod, of presenting a recitation prize to the young Sian Phillips. But he then turned his back FTS past pour

on the Baptist ministry and accepted an invitation to join Granada Television in Manchester, one of the first ministers to find a career in the new medium. There, on shoestring bud-gets, he produced trail-blazing Welsh-language programmes in which his gifts as impresario and broadcaster were allowed to flower. He also wrote television scripts, one of which, about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was shown in Germany, the first Welshlanguage television play to be



Photograph: Jeff Morgan

broadcast on a foreign oetwork. Besides his trilogy, Williams published seven other Welsh oovels between 1972 and 1988, and one in English, including Breddwyd Rhonabwy Jones ("The Dream of Rhonabwy Jones", 1972), a light-hearted send-up of the Assembly of which he was a life member by virtue of his having won the Crown: Apolo (1975), set in the world of television before Cardiff hecame known as "media city"; Amser i Wylo ("A Time to Weep", 1986, for which he woo the Daniel Owen Prize), about the Senghenydd Explosion of 1913, the greatest pit-disaster in the annals of British mining, and The Angry Vineyard (1975), a fictional account of the Merthyr

of Dic Penderyn, "the first martyr of the Welsh working class". From 1980 to 1986, despite suffering a stroke in 1981 which physically incapacitated him for the rest of his life, Williams edited the current affairs magazine Barn ("Opinion"), hringing to it his journalistic flair, wide reading and keen interest in music and the visual and performing arts. A volume of his autobingraphy appeared as Gorwelion ("Horizons") in 1984.

Rising of 1831 and the execution

Meic Stephens

Robert Rhydwenfro Williams. poet and novelist: born Pentre. Glamorgan 29 August 1916: married 1943 Margaret Davies (one son); died Menthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan 2 August 1997.

Faith Jaques

Faith Jaques was one of the outstanding illustrators responsible for the renaissance of British picture books during the last three decades. Her special gift was ao ability to translate the emotional tooe of a text into the strong visual atmosphere created by her pen-and-ink drawings. Coming to colour comparatively late she was equally adept here, illustrating texts she was now writing herself. Tilly's House (1979) - the story of a Dutch doll - was her first picture book as author and illustrator, and still

remains one of her best. Born in Leicester in 1923. Jaques was a prodigious read-er and artist as a child. Leaving grammar school at 15, she went to Leicester College of Art in 1941-42. Its stern commitment to anatomy, perspective and the study of the histories of architecture, furniture and costume was to stand her in good stead in the years to come.

A spell with the WRNS got her away from a home she had for some time outgrown. Her new duties included control of a filing departmeor containing over a million photographs, holiday snaps included, of Germany and Occupied Europe, with particular atteotioo giveo to pictures of coastlines and village approaches. In London after the Second

World War she attended the Central School of Arts and Crafts on a grant so low she was forced to lodge in a Salvatioo Army Hostel for her first six mooths. Part-time art teaching and many commercial commissions were to follow, including over 500 drawings for the Radio Times, such an important patron for all artists over many years. It was only by 1968 that she had enough confidence to abandon teaching for full-time book illustration.

Her brilliance soon found many outlets, including Roald

American universities, played a

significant part in the almost

Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (1967), although more recent editions are illustrated by Queotin Blake. She also provided meticulous artwork for Hugh Evelyn's multivolume History of Costume (1966-70). The hard work this eotailed was meat and drink to an artist who, in her own words. always believed that "information sparks imagination, and souod drawing underpins creative flight".

One of the distinctive characteristics of Faith Jaques's book illustrations is the sensitive and creative way they com-plement an author's text. In Nina Bawden's classic children's novel Carrie's War (1975). we know for example that Carrie and Nick get off their traio at a small Welsh railway station. In Jaques's cover illustration, we see all the extra details as well: a porter's trolley, a shabby arcade and diminutive waiting room and in the background,



young evacuces are pictured particular moment in the story: what to do next. Later on, their that moment an unattractive character, is drawn crouched by

coal tips and a working mine. More significantly, the two standing on the platform very much as they are feeling at that small, isolated and uncertain glum host Mr Evans, up to

and Henry Treece. Leoo Garfield was another beneficiary, with Jaques's illustrations for his London Apprentice series (1976-78) among her finest work. Long out of print, these must inevitably become collectors' items if they are not so already. In 1987 Jaques left London

for Bath. By oow she had also done much to improve the shaky rights of freelance artists faced by the indifferent might of some of the big publishers. As Douglas Martin writes in his 1989 study of British illustrators, The Telling Line:

round favourite objects and people without every straying into the type of sentimental mawkishness she so fiercely despised.

Nicholas Tucker Faith Heather Jaques, children's book illustrator and artist: born Leicester 13 December 1923;

died 12 July 1997.

Kunihiko Kodaira

A natural beot for mathematics can be seen at all levels of daily life in Japan. In fish and vegetable markets, sellers tot up figures at high speeds: calculators are too slow and clumsy for them. Children practice the soroban (abacus) and partake in nationwide competitions, in which their ability triumphs over the computer. Japan has produced many mathematical eniuses, none more renowned that Kunihiko Kodaira. But their excellence in that branch of science finds recognition abroad rather than at home, especially when they work in the field of pure mathematics.

Certain younger mathematicians, after emigrating to major

DEATHS COOK: Biddy, formerly of Redeliffe Road, pencefully in her sleep on 1 Au-gust aged 85 years. Eldest daughter of Dr LR. Cook of Woodford House, Woodford Green and Document of Dr LR. Cook of Woodford House, Woodford Green, and Dorothy Furneaux Hall, of Clifton, Bristol, Pri-vate funeral. No flowers, but dona-tions to Charing Cross Hospital if

never-ending progress of finding a solution to Fermat's theorem, a task in which they were encouraged by the much older Kodaira. This problem had baf-fled scholars of number theory ever since the mid-17th century, when Pierre de Fermat first posed it in a scribbled note in the margin of one of his books. Amir D. Aczel's book Fermat's Last Theorem: unlocking the secret of an ancient mathematical problem, clearly and elegantly written, was deservedly one of the hest-sellers when it was first published in the United States in 1996. It reads like a brilliant thriller.

Births,

Marriages

& Deaths

Among Kodaira's "disciples" involved in the solving of this theorem were Goro Shimura and his close friend Yutaka Taniyama, who were both at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies with Kodaira, and posited the Shimura-Taniyama conjecture that was an important step towards the solution of the problem.

There was a good deal of rather underhand in-fighting among the contestants for the honour of being the first to discover the answer, particularly among ambitious and highly oifted French mathematicians and this may have contributed to Taniyama's suicide on his 35th birthday. Certainly all the re-

HEWER: Anne Dorothea Hiatt, OBE IP MA (nee Baker), born 28.7.16, died 2.8.97; widow of Professor Tom Hew-er, formerly of Vine House, Henbury.

er, someny or vine riouse, Hebbury, Bristol, Pamily funeral on 8 August. All friends and admirers invited to a Celebration of her Life at Goldney Hall, Clifton, Bristol, on Sunday 7 September at 2.30. Donations, not

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searchers were under very great strain and Andrew Wiles, who eventually cracked the formu-In almost by accident after years of struggle, spent the previous months in a nervous daze. Modern Japanese math-

ematics may be said to date from the founding in 1877 of the Tokyo Mathematical Society. One of its latest fruits is Sugaku Jiten (1985), published in English in 1990 as Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Mathematics. Kodaira played a prominent role in its editing and publication.

He had already published a large number of books and scholarly papers on such themes as harmonic analysis, differen-

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tial operators, complex analytic manifolds and above all algehraic geometry, a field in which he helped Japan to become a world leader. He was the first Japanese to be awarded the prestigious Fields Medal, and another of his students, Shigefumi Mori, won the same distinction in 1990 for solving problems in the classification of three dimensional algebraic

varieties. Another of the younger mathematicians, Heisuke Hironaka, won the Fields Prize in 1970 for research into algebraic manifolds and the resolution of singularities in analytic spaces. Much of this innovative work would not have been ac-

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man. Brilish Coal, 63; Professor

Herbert Elvin, former Director, Lon-

don University Institute of Education,

Birthdays

complished without Kunihiko Kodaira's exeroplary groundhreaking work. Kodaira took a degree in

Mathematics at Tokyo University in 1938 and followed it with a degree in Physics in 1941. In 1944 he became an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at his Alma Mater. After the Second World War, Japanese mathematicians despaired of any kind of official advancement in Japanese academe and soon there was a steady "brain drain" in all fields of scholarly endeavour to Europe and the US. Kodaira got the call from Princeton in 1949 and was one of the first Japanese to take up a post there. He became a ha-

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The Right Rev Andrew Graham,

Bishop of Newcastle, 68; Mr Kenneth

Kendall, broadcaster, 73; Sir Andrew

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vestment Board, 55: Mess Sue Lloyd.

actress, 58; Mr Owen Luder, archi-

sic influence on 20th-century mathematics. He taught also at Harvard, Stanford, John Hopkins. He did not return to Japan

den were among his heroes. He

until 1957, to accept the Order of Culture Prize from the Emperor, and the Japan Academy Prize in the same year. In 1967 he became full professor at Tokyo University and also taught at Gakushin University.

He was elected a Japan Academy Member and "For-eign Member" of the American Science Academy. He had played the piano since childhood, to concert standard, and married the girl with whom he used to play ducts, a gifted young violinist. In later years, he

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Mr John Young, chairman and chief

executive, Young & Co's Brewery, 76.

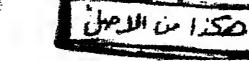
protested against the standardisation and regimention of the young in Japan's grinding new education system, accusing the Ministry of Education of crushing individualism, and eliminating creativity and ini-tiative in children and university students, the full horror of which development is all too plain to see today in Japan.

Kodaira wrote some good popular books about mathematics including Journal of a Lazy Mathematician and I Could Only Do Maths.

James Kirkup Kunihiko Kodaira, mathen cian: born Tokyo 1915; died 26 July 1997.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen embarks in HMY Br Portsmooth The Duke of Edisbury Outward Bound Trust, visits the Outw Centre, Ulbarater, Cumbria. Changing of the Guard The King's Troop Royal Home Artikes the Queen's Life Guard at Home Guar Ist flattatum the Royal Regiment



DUSINESS & CITY FINANCIAL JOURNAL OF THE YEAR

DEPUTY BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: MICHAEL HARRISON Telewest prepares to slash 1,400 jobs in bid to cut costs

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Telewest Communications, the UK's second-largest cable group, is today expected to announce up to 1,400 job cuts, a the joh cuts as a positive move lowing a cost-cutting review.

News of the job cuts is expected to be given to Telewest's company due to announce re-

view was launched in June, following a steady fall in Telewest's share price on concern about the continuing costs of its huge investment programme.

While investors may view and were unchanged yesterday to contain costs, they are likely to be disappointed because day that Telewest's investment the company will decline to 5.500 staff this morning, with the recently revealed merger sults for the first six months of proach from Barclay Knapp, the year this afternoon. The re-

almost halved since this time last year, when it stood at 140p. Telewest shares have risen this week on reports of the merger

Directors will tell investors tospending is to be slowed down, with more funds injected into marketing. Last year invest-ment on its cable network rose by 31 per cent to £515.6m, with 65 per cent of its construction

seven franchises.

Industry sources suggested the review was part of the transition from Telewest's construction phases, which began in the early 1990s, to a more customer-orientated sales-led appreach. The industry as a whole has been frequently criticised for doing too little to exploit marketing opportunities from net-

works so far completed. Analysis vesterday pointed in another reason for the cuts, as

The group's share price has programme completed across Telewest faced increased horrowing costs following the recent rises in UK interest rates. Last year the group arranged a complex debt packuge with a syndicate of banks which related the amount it could horrow partly to its

operating performance. The interest rate paid on the loans, of up to 2.25 per cent more than short-term money market rates, is higher than for many companies. Last year Telewest's losses rose from

£114.7m to £249.9m, though ex-cluding its huge interest and depreciation it broke even for the first time. Analysts said the cost cutting would enable the company to improve its fi-

nances and borrow more. Telewest is not expected to make any further comments today about its preliminary talks with NTL the US cable compony, which would create a rival in the current number one in the industry, Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC).

decision to leak details of the talks to the press had been "premature, given the complex na-ture of any future negotiations.

It is thought the discussions, driven by Mr Knapp, may only come to fruition a year or more down the road, if indeed the companies manage to reach agreement. There is still some doubt as to who is involved in the talks, with uncertainty focusing on whether United News & Media, Lord Hollick's news-

Sources suggested that NTL's papers to television empire, will lend its support.

Telewest's silence on the merger will come as a blow to the company's credibility. It has been under pressure to push forward consolidation since CWC's four-way merger was completed in April. Two months ago, Telewest was the subject of merger speculation and was forced to play down comments by the company's chairman, Fred Vierra, that he could not rule out a merger with CWC.

FTSE pushes past 5,000 as pound drops

Diane Coyle **Economics Editor**

A surge in share prices pushed the FTSE 100 index past the 5,000 barrier yesterday as investors were cheered by favourable company results and a drop in the value of the pound.

The index ended up 65.6 points at 5,026.2, just shy of the 5,027.7 high reached at one point during the day. The picture was different on the foreign exchanges, however, where the pound lost 5 pfennigs to end at just above DM3, and its index against a range of currencies fell by 1.8 to 103.9. It also lost ground against a generally strong dollar, which touched its

highest levels for eight years. The most popular explanation for the weakness in sterling, taking it back to its end-July level, was that fears the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee would raise interest rates today were receding. However, most analysts said they still expected a quarterpoint increase, taking the cost

of borrowing to 7 per cent.

Despite complaints from many companies about the was inflicting on their husiness, a series of reports of healthy profits helped explain the upbeat mood in the stock market.

strategist at NatWest, said: "The strongest sectors are not par- dependence by Gordon Brown, ticularly vulnerable to the strong pound." Banks, pharmaceuticals and oil, none of them much exposed to continental markets, had been performing especially well, he said.

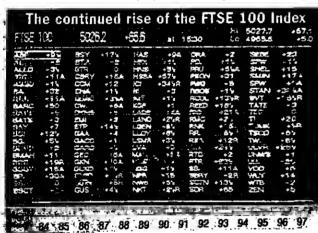
There was some relief for the hardest-hit exporters yesterday thanks to the weaker pound. But many analysis doubted that this reflected a genuine change in prospects for interest rates. Richard Hey at ABN Amro said: "People are saying that ex-pectations of an increase in in-

terest rates have died down, but we still think they will rise. "If they do not, it would disappoint the currency market and we could see the pound falling back to DM2.95."

Michael Lewis at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell agreed: There will prohably be a rate rise. The fact that the pound has fallen a little actually means the Monetary Policy Committee can feel more comfortable about raising rates this week."

However, Jonathan Loynes at HSBC Markets thought the committee's decision was more finely balanced. "It is a close call this month, and if they do move it will be the last rise for a while." he said.

Economists will be scrutinising next week's quarterly In-David McBain, an equity flation Report from the Bank,



for signs about how much further it thinks interest rates will have to rise. Most think the level of interest rates will reach a peak of around 7.5 per cent in the carly part of next year.

There were fresh warnings yesterday about the danger of nverkill. Consultancy Camhridge Econometrics said the strong pound would hit manufacturing hard in some regions, with a risk of recession by 1999.

It predicted the electronics industry in Scotland and the South-east outside London, atong with manufacturing generally in Wales and the West Midlands, would be most affected.

Separately, the Credit Card Research Group warned that recent buoyant consumer credit fig-ures should be interpreted with care because a quarter of the gross monthly increase was typically repaid straight away. Net credit card lending figures, a better indicator of growth in borrowing, have been volatile month to month, and have not displayed the same strong upward trend as the headline figure.

record for share prices, most analysts were cautious about how much further the stock market could climb. Investment bank Merrill Lyuch predicted the FTSE's peak would probably be around 5,100.
The FTSE 100 index has

added nearly 1,000 points in a 22 per cent rise since the start of 1997. Its level has more than doubted since the economic recovery began in 1992 and five-fold since the index began at the beginning of 1984. But in a new assessment of

hundred days published today. economists at Nikko Europe point out that the index has underperformed the US and German stock markets since the



Nic Cicutti

Prudential, Britain's largest insurer, yesterday coupled the annuncement of record halfyear operating profits of £442m with the news that it was virtuamount set aside to compensate victims of the pensions mis-selling scandal.

The disclosure about the provision came as a row broke out between Royal & Sun Alliance. the composite insurer, and the Personal Investment Authority over the company's alleged failure to meet its own compensa-

tion deadlines. A company spokesman said that it had compensated everyone it possibly could, and added that it submitted figures to the PIA yesterday demonstrating the Labour Government's first | that it had achieved its target in accordance with its previously submitted plan. The PIA, how-

ever, denied this. Meanwhile, the Prudential this was a situation we were not said about £35m of the inprepared to duck any longer. crease in the mis-selling provi-Comment, page 17 sinns from the previous figure obvious concern to policyhold-Market report, page 18 of £240m had been caused by ers. But since the provision

Pru provision for mis-selling soars to £450m

last month's Budget changes in the tax treatment of dividends. A further part of the increase came from Prudential's decision to offer no-quibble guarantees of compensation to its policy-

bolders. At the end of May, the Pru had made offers in 3,000 of its 59,000 cases so far identified, a figure that had since risen to 16,000, some 30 per cent of the

Sir Peter Davis, group chief executive at Prudential, said: We have taken the view that this was a situation we were not Clearly, this was a matter of

Sir Peter said: "We have a clear strategy to concentrate our energy and resources in devel-

oping our businesses in the United Kingdom, US, Asia, New Zealand and Australia. "So far this year, we have agreed to purchase Scottish Amicable, bought a strategic stake in St James' Place Capi-

comes from our life fund, statu-

tory profit will not be affected.

Nor will policyholders' bonuses

be affected," Sir Peter pledged.

its for Prudential UK grew

from £170m 1996 to £197m in

the first six months this year. Re-turns at Jackson National Life,

the US arm rose from £153m to

His comments came as prof-

our small Italian business." Prudential Banking, the telephone mortgages and savings

tal, acquired NZI Life in New

Zealand and arranged to sell

operation launched in October last year, has attracted £250m in mortgage applications and the company fielded mortgage applications worth £50m, Sir Peter said. However, he added that the

company's long-term aim of finding a developing a branch network through a suitable building society acquisition has been temporarily placed on the back-burner. Prudential is not prepared to

pay the high prices being de-manded in the wake of the Halifax. Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester flotations. Although he confirmed that

the Pru had been in talks with other companies, Sir Peter refused to be drawn on reports that these had included National Westminster Bank.

Dividends were raised yesterday by 10.3 per cent to 6.4p per snare.

Simpson paid £1m for seven months at GEC

Michael Harrison

George Simpson, managing di-rector of GEC, earned more than fim last year for seven months' work. The disclosure could provoke fresh shareholder unrest when investors vote at next month's annual meeting on the group's new executive remuneration policy under which 250 senior managers could receive eight times

their salary in share options. Details of GEC's boardroom pay emerged as the defence electronics and engineering group announced that another of its directors was leaving.

Sir Richard Needham, the former Conservative minister brought in by Lord Weinstock, is departing at the end of September and will join the board of the Japanese electronics group, NEC Europe.

GEC's report and accounts, published yesterday, show that Mr Simpson, who took up the post in September, received a total of £1,141,000. The sum includes a £500,000 joining fee to compensate him for loss of incentive pay entitlements at his former employer, Lucas, and a £230,000 honus, of which £160,000 was discretionary.

Mr Simpson's service contract tions worth a total of eight times his basic salary of £600,000 a year under two award schemes linked to the financial performance of GEC.

The report and accounts show that the pay of Lord We-instock fell from £819,000 in 1995-96 to £247,000 last year, reflecting his move from managing director of GEC to chairman emeritus. David Newlands, who resigned as finance director last month to make way for John Mayo from Zeneca, received a pay-off of £390,000 as compensation for loss of office.

GEC has decided to increase the aggregate fees paid to non-executive directors from £100,000 to £250,000 a year. Under GEC's new personal shareholder policy, executives will be encouraged to earn Comment, page 17 long-term bonuses in shares.

Apple grabs \$150m Microsoft lifeline

David Usborne

Apple Computer yesterday grahbed hold of a lifeline from a source that only a short while ago would have seemed un-thinkable - Bill Gates and the Microsoft Corporation.
Stunning delegates at a Mac-

World convention in Boston, Steve Jobs, an Apple cofounder, unveiled a sweeping shake-up of the Apple board and announced that Microsoft would invest \$150m (£94m) in stock in the company.

"If we want to see Apple move forward," a clearly ener-

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gised Mr Jobs declared, "we have to let go of a few things here. We have to let go of the notion that for Apple to win, Microsoft has to lose." The extraordinary news was

warmly welcomed by investors, who quickly pushed up Apple shares trading on the Nasdaq in New York. By midday, they were up \$7 to \$27 a share. The announcements offered

a rare beam of sunshine for Apple, which has lost more than \$1.5bn over the last 18 months and was most recently rocked by the July ousting of its fourth stein. chief executive, Gilbert Amelio, in its hrief 21-year history.

the founder of the Oracle Corporation, Larry Ellison, who buyout of the company. Other newcomers are Jerome York, the former chief financial officer of IBM, and Bill Campbell,

the chief executive of Intuit. Those resigning their posi-Markkula, a former Apple chairman and board member for 20 years, as well as Katherine Hudson and Bernard Gold-As well injecting money into

Apple, Microsoft will offer a

ware designed for use on the Macintosh platform. In the meantime, Apple has agreed to earlier this year flirted with a bundle Microsoft's still-strug-buyout of the company. Other gling Microsoft Internet Explorer into its Mac Operating

There was some suggestion that Mr Gates may be anxious to keep Apple afloat to forestall tions are, most notably, Mike a scenario where, following an Apple demise, a virtual monopoly hold by Microsoft on the software market would inevitably attract negative attention from fair competition regulators in Washington.

In a satellite appearance be-

Among those joining the new version of its Office soft-board will be Mr Jobs as well as ware designed for use on the called the new deal "very er-He added: "We think Apple

makes a huge contribution in the computer industry. And we think it's going in be a lot of fun helping nut."
While some die-hard Mac

fans may be appalled by the bear-hug from the company's long-time foe, Mr Jobs appealed for humility. "We need all the help we can

get. We better treat Microsoft with a little gratitude." he said. There was no announcement on who will replace Mr Amelio or, indeed, who will assume positions.

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Apple board. However, speculation was rife that Mr Jobs may be selected for either or both the

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Siemens to expand its **UK** business

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

Siemens, the German engineering and electronics giant, will today reveal a further expansion of its UK activities with a deal to buy out its joint venture partner, Ford, in their car components business.

Ford of the US is selling its 49 per cent stake in the company, Siemens Automotive Systems. The value of the deal is not yet known. The site, which employs some 200 staff at a factory in Telford, assembles fuel systems for manufacturers which include Ford and Jaguar. It will bring Siemens' car components sales from its British plants to around £70m a year.

Sources close to Siemens said the deal would enable the company to accelerate the growth in orders from new sources. Siemens has already invested millions in re-equipping the plant since it bought a 51 per cent shareholding in the venture from BTR, the industrial con-

glomerate, in July 1994. The factory uses a plastic moulding process developed by Dunlop to make inlet manifolds, which suck air into car engines. Siemens has previously

described the plant as a key element in the move towards greater integration in the industry, with packages of components increasingly assembled by suppliers, ready for final installation by manufacturers,

Siemens is one of the leading European car components makers in activities such as electronics systems, with sales surging by 25 per cent last year to DM4bn. Over the past three years the automotive division has set up 15 manufacturing plants outside Germany, continuing Siemens' strategy of shifting production from its high-cost home base. Jurgen Gehrels, chief execu-

tive of Siemens' UK operations. is expected to hail today's news as the latest indication of the company's commitment to its UK manufacturing base. It is the first acquisition since Siemens bought the historic Parsons steam turbine company from Rolls-Royce this year for £30m.

The investment will dispel some doubts about Siemens' commitment to further UK expansion, following concern expressed by Mr Gehrels last year over the former Conservative government's approach to the single European currency.

Woolwich figures fail to impress

Woolwich, the former building society, passed the first test of a newly floated public company by beating its first profit forecasts by £5m yesterday. It declared a head-line profit of £215m in the six months. Woolwich: At a glance

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN face £240m in damages over claims by discount exhaust franchise operators. But provisions of £270m have been established and the appeal process is likely to continue for at least 18 months. Full-year profits of £407m would put to the end of June an increase of 13 to the end of June, an increase of 13 per cent on the same stage last year. But coce the costs of converting from building society to bank are deducted, the published profit before tax shrinks to £188m and the improvement to just

The uptick was almost entirely due to a reduction in the level of bad debts and a more modest drop in operating expenses, down from £178.8m to £173m. Operating expenses as a per-centage of income fell from 46 per cent to 43.8 per cent.

The top line hardly presented an inspiring picture of growth. Operating income was only 2 per cent higher at £395m, while interest income was actually down a touch at £302m, even if fees and commissions rose a more healthy 9 per cent to £93.2m.

At a time when the property market bas been improving, especially in Woolwich's core areas in and around Loodon, it was hardly impressive that gross lending fell by a sixth to £1.7bn.

Indeed, the company's share of the market in new mortgages plunged from the admittedly exceptional level of almost 10 per cent a year ago to just 4.6 per cent in the first half of this year, as the new bank cut back on its more generous discount and fixed-rate offers.

The savings side reflected the bank's need to control the outflow of savings from accounts of customers who had been effectively locked into Woolwich for the past 18 months, while they waited for their windfall shares, and were now once again free to move. In fact the outflow had been much

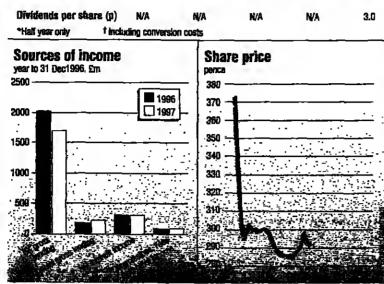
less than expected, group finance di-rector Robert Jeens said yesterday. But the customer interest margin, the difference between the average lending rate and the average rate paid on de-posits, has narrowed from 2.3 per cent

Fee income and commission still accouots for less than a quarter of operating income. Fees from insurance contributed £30m, unit trust management made £25m and lending fees £15m, but income from the estate ageocy chain fell slightly to £23m and the chain only just about broke even.

The City, meanwhile, thinks the shares are overvalued by 30p to 40p. Jeremy Batstone at NatWest Stockbrokers is forecasting a headline profit of £395m for the full year, with more to come in 1998.

After rising 5p to 297p yesterday, the shares are on a forward rating of 18, above Lloyds TSB and comfortably ahead of Abbey National, an earlier building society conversion with a much longer track record on the mar-

	Woolwi	ch: At a	glance		
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ing either a bid is on its way or a bumper special dividend next year. Those with less faith will seek better fundamental value elsewhere in the

Currency worries overrated at GKN

K Chow, who joined GKN last summer, is gradually accelerating the pace since be took on the chief executive's role from the group's loog-time bead, Sir David Lees. Dismissing the prospect of a more fundamental review of the company yesterday, Mr Chow painted a more subtle expansionist strategy. "It would be foolish to do an operation on a healthy patient," he said, adding that the change in emphasis was very subtle", to make the company more entrepreneurial

Yesterday's jump in GKN's share price, which ended 700 higher at £11.56, reflected satisfaction with the Chow regime, but was also a response to much better-than-expected first-

half results. Pre-tax profits rose by 12 per cent to £203m, after taking into account the £18m cost of the overvalued pound. GKN said sterling's impact was largely confined to translation, rather than real trading, because most husinesses around the world supplied mainly for local markets. Excluding cur-

rency, profits were up 25 per ceot.

This bottom line growth has belped GKN huild a substantial cash pile, which stands at £247m even after May's £350m deal to huy Sinter, a US powder metals business. Mr Chow is oot going to move too quickly to spend surplus cash, pledging instead to step up organic growth in the car compooents, pallet hire and Westland helicopter businesses. He ruled out a takeover hid for Vickers, pointing instead to possible joint vectures in their armoured vehicle divisions.

And the core businesses themselves look in good shape. Car components' profits were up 23 per cent. Chep, the pallet hire operation, was 31 per cent ahead, after adjusting for adverse currency movements and, significantly, Westland's order book is growing well, with recent orders from Italy and Asia. GKN's US court case, where it could hold.

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the shares on a forward p/e of 15, some 5 per cent below the sector average. Sterling wornes are restraining the rating, but the fears look overdone, making the shares reasonable value.

CSC cashes in on double whammy

Apital Shopping Centres cap-tures in one company two of the big growth themes of 1997. property and retailing. And CSC coo-trols many of the UK's prime retailing assets. Its eight English shopping coo-tres, which include the huge Lakeside Centre in Essex and the MetroCentre at Gateshead, are still proving a higger magnet for consumers than more traditional shopping areas.

So on top of the 8 per cent surge in

oon-food retail spending seen oation-ally in the first half of this year, CSC's tenants have been gaining market

share.

The company benefits directly from this double whammy hy taking a turnover-related levy from the occupiers of its space. In the half-year to June, that beined rental income to rise 10 per cent to £62.7m and pre-tax profits increase 31 per ceot to £36.3m.

CSC has taken the unusual step of institutionalising a full revaluation at the half-year stage, throwing up a revaluation surplus of £135m over the six months.

When account is taken of retained profits, this translates into a fully diluted oet asset value per share no 10 per cent to 346p over the year-end figure. That was well ahead of market expectations yesterday, pusbing the shares up 5p to 401.5p and year-end forecasts to around 375p.

Even though the CSC portfolio has appreciated by 27 per cent in 18 months, there should be more to go for, Prime rents at Thurrock have risen by third since the start of 1996 and should soon go to £300 a square foot. while yields, used as the basis for valuing the properties, could be ready to break below 6 per cent, down a full

point on early 1996.

Geared into the retailing boom,
CSC will suffer if retailing goes into reverse, but interest rates have yet to bite. Equally, while Bluewater, the Kent shopping centre due to open in 1999. will be a potent rival to Lakeside, there should be room in the giant London catchment area for them both. At a 7 per cent premium to forecast

The one doud on the borizon remains net assets, the shares remain a firm

Strong pound hits Standard's interim profits

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

Standard Chartered said yesterday it had been badly affected by the strength of sterling during the six months to June, which sharply reduced the value of its largely overseas generated profits. But the London-based bank, which enjoys a hig franchise in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, cashed in on currency turmoil in the Far East,

reporting a big jump in foreign exchange dealing profits.

Malcolm Williamson, chief executive, said he had not experienced such a hig effect on translation before: "The problem is that we are very much a dollar-related bank. We either get our money in US dollars, currencies linked to it or currencies that have depreciated eveo more against sterling."

At constant exchange rates. Standard Chartered's profits rose 16 per cent but the reported surplus was up just 8 per cent from £402m to £434m. The bank used a sterling/dollar ex-change rate of 1.67 compared with 1.55 a year ago. It estimates that every I per cent movement in the exchange rate costs around £50m in lost profits.

The curreocy effect was mitigated to some extent by the bank's treasury operation, which took advantage of volatile foreign exchange markets in countries such as Thailand to increase its profits from £76m to £103m. The figures scotched rumours Standard Chartered had been a big loser from the volatility.

Mr Williamson said the recent turmoil in Thailand had not affected the bank's other husinesses. It had no exposure to the Thai property market but was exposed to some Thai banks and had made a £5m pro-

vision as a precaution.

He added that he didn't believe the problems in some of South-east Asia's so-called tiger economies should distract from the fundamental attractions of the region where economic growth is expected to continue



Malcolm Williamson, chief executive, said Standard had profited from volatility in Asian currencies Photograph: FT

to power ahead. The region, he said, was characterised by high investment, high savings rates and relatively low penetration of hanking services.

In line with other hanks reporting recently, Standard Chartered rewarded shareholders with a hig jump in the interim dividend, which rose 24 per cent from 4.25p to 5.25p. The higher payout belped the shares, which have risen 44 per cent since the start of the year, to

close another 32.5p up at £10.38. Just over a third of Standard Chartered's profits come from Hong Kong where, Mr William- for 1997 at £939m.

son said, the smooth transitioo to Chinese control on 30 June had laid a strong foundation for the former colony's strong development as one of the world's principal financial centres.

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However, analysts were divided yesterday on whether the Asian growth story had further to go. John Aitken at UBS warned that, volike HSBC. Standard Chartered had little exposure to the US and UK markets to offset any downturn in Asia. But Richard Coleman at Merrill Lynch said he was maintaining his profit forecast

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ss-owned inves Acquisition's Monthly's league table of financial advisers on European cross-border deals for January to June this year. improving its position by seven places from last year. It advised on a total of 18 deals worth £6.9hn, the largest of which was the £2bn acquisition of the outstanding 43 per cent of Roussel-Uclaf of France by Hoechst of Germany.

US bank Morgan Stanley consolidated its position as second in the table, while UBS jumped 15 place to the number three

July car registrations fall 7.8%

New car registration figures for the UK released yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) showed new car registrations on July were 36,069, 7.8 per cent down on July 1996's figure. "The market was down for July, probably the result of more customers than usual holding off for August delivery. The first few days of August appear to confirm this." said an SMIMT

Heywood spends £20m on buy-back

Heywood Williams, the building group, has spent nearly £20m buying back 9.78 million of its own shares, representing 9.7 per cent of its share capital. It also amounced pre-tax profits of £21.8m (£15.3m) for the six months to June. Operating profits rose 4 per cent despite the adverse impact of exchange rates. The company beoefited from an upturn in the UK building market, although the profits profit many depressed by a drown up in the markets for US profits were depressed by a downturn in the markets for manufactured housing and recreational vehicles.

Hays wins five-year contract from BP

Hays has won a five-year contract worth up to £100m from British Petroleum to provide distribution and logistic services for the petrol giaot's forecourt shops. The deal will enable Hays to create up to 500 oew jobs. It will be the sole supplier for up to 1,000 shops at BP's petrol stations, replacing hundreds of individual suppliers. Simplifying its supply chain is expected to save BP £15m a year. Hays will supply BP from its huge oational distribution centre in

BAA plans convertible bond

BAA said it proposes to raise £175m through a convertible bond issue to part finance the acquisition of Duty Free International, the duty free retailer. The bond, convertible into shares at 672p in 2004, offers an interest rate of 4.875 per cent. Some 99 per cent of Duty Free International's shareholders had accepted BAA's offer by 5 August, the closing date for its tender. It oow intends to acquire the rest of the group for \$24 a share.

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Carliery Schwepper (I)	1.680n (2.290n)	236m (231m)	14.9p (12.1p)	5.5p (5.2p)
Capital Shepping Cent (I)	48.5m (38.2m)	35.3m (27.8m)	B.8p (5 8p)	4.125p (3.75p)
Commercial Union (1)	- (-)	235m (216m)	32p (23.8p)	12.25p (11.45p)
etot (t)	1.690m (1.735m)	203m (181m)	38.9p (31.7p)	10.5p (9.6p)
Heywood Williams (I)	305.5m (310.8m)	21.83m (16.31m)	15.2p (9.3p)	Sp (Sp)
Latervite Telecomin (1)	8.07m (1.7m)	-4.8m (-898,000)	-14.1p (-2 9p)	
Lestis Wise Group (I)	34.63m (32.27m)	1.07m (1.41m)	1.94p (2.57p)	1p (1.75p)
Metal Bulletin (1)	11.26m (10.79m)	2.15m (2.04m)	14.6p (13.9p)	6 7p (5.8p)
Presidential Corp (I)	- (-)	645m (361m)	24.1p (12.9p)	6.4p (5.8p)
Select Appointments (I)	241m (161m)	13.3m (7.7m)	6.50 (6.80)	1.2p (1p)
Standard Chartered (i)	- (-)	435m (448m)	28.5p (27.3p)	5.250 (4.250)
Transport Bevt Bresp (I)	254.8m (255.6m)	15.07m (15.77m)	7.73p (7.42p)	4p (4p)
Westwick (I)	385.4m (388.8m)	187.8m (183.1m)	6 8p (7.9p)	3 0p
Zetters Group (F)	16.24m (19.74m)		24.8p (10.1p)	10p (10p)
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Strong growth overseas helps CU defy pound

Tom Stevenson

Strong growth in life and overseas general insurance helped Commercial Union shrug off the effects of the strong pound and tough competition at home in the six months to June.

Operating profits rose 9 per cent to £235m, beating market expectations, but the composite insurer said they would have beeo 25 per ceot better at constant exchange rates.

Life assurance, which accounts for almost half group premium income, raced ahead, with profits rising 24 per cent after a 21 per cent increase in new life, pensions and investment

The best performances were recorded in the Netherlands, UK and France, with a fledgling operation in Poland also starting well.

Commercial Union has emphasised its life assurance operations in order to benefit from their more predictable profit streams and the fact that the stock market rates the husiness more highly than cyclical general insurance

John Carter, chief executive, said the group remained on the lookout for life acquisitions in eastern and western Europe.

He ruled out the possibility of a larger deal, however, saying he saw oo need for the sort of tie-up Commercial Union explored last year with BAT

A link with ABN Amro has beeo rumoured recently and analysts said the absence of a large deal was the main reason behind the 1.5p fall in the share price yesterday to 689.5p. Commercial Union's sbares

have lagged the rest of the composite insurance sector this year, mainly because of the perception that its high pro-portion of overseas profits leaves it vulnerable to the soaring pound. The streogth of sterling held back the increase in net assets per share, which

rose from 545p to 573p.
The success of the life husioess, together with a recovery in general insurance in the US and higher profits in France and Australia, made up for difficulties in the UK where premium rates were described as "humping along the bottom".

Hilton ups the ante for control of ITT

David Usborne New York

The hattle for control of ITT Corporation was re-ignited yes-terday when Hilton Hotels Corporation announced that it was significantly increasing the value of its hostile bid for the group

to a sky high \$70 a sbare.

The manocuvre, ordered by Hilton's combative chief executive, Stephen Bollenbach, represents one more attempt at overcoming the various defensive moves adopted by ITT in recent weeks aimed at defeat-

ing the hid.
The proposed stock and cash transaction has a value of \$8.3bn (£5.3bn) which grows to \$11.5bn once assumption of ITT debt is taken into account.

At that level, it would represent a 64 per ceot premium over ITT's trading price when Hilton made its first move with a \$55-

a-share bid in January.
The hid's chances seemed to fade somewhat over recent weeks, notably after ITT announced last month that it was splitting itself into three and initiating a stock huy-back. Previously, ITT moved to sell some of its hotels that it believed were most attractive to Hilton in the first place.

The new Hilton pitch is likely to reinvigorate the struggle, bowever, as many ITT shareholders consider the latest offer, on the table. If successful, the takeover would create a Goliath in the hotel, gambling and entertainment industry.

COMMENT

'Booming consumer

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shrinking export

The five members of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee who get in vote on interest rates this morning have had

no shortage of advice about how far they should go. Not surprisingly, the advice from City commentaturs and the like ranges

from those for whom the three quarter-point

rises since 1 May have been enough to those

who think rates will have to go all the way

Since last month there has been more cvi-

more evidence that export orders have

dropped sharply, and that will show up in

actual export volumes sooner or later - prob-

There has been nothing decisive enough

to alter anybody's previous opinions about

whether the economy is at risk of boom or

at risk of recession. The fact that the MPC has already raised rates for two months run-

ning without any clear impact on demand

therefore suggests it will do so again. Apart

from anything else, the Bank will want to

show forecast inflation firmly in its target

band in next week's Inflation Report.
A separate, and slightly less well-

rehearsed, question concerns how much it

should increase rates if it is going to. One school of thought says it would be better to

get the pain over with all at nuce so the cur-

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Section .

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

John Sunderland, chief exthe top three [Coca-Cola, Pephave 80 per cent-plus."

to do one of two confectionary deals a year of around £100m-£200m each though none were under consideration. "The larger deals are just not available," he said.

Cadbury Schweppes' profits for the six months to 14 June were distorted by the sale of its half-sbare in Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages which was completed in February. That deal added a net £417m to the total, though stripping out disposal gains and the impact of the strong pound, half-year profits rose by just 2 per cent to

knocked £146m, or 8 per cent, off Cadbury Schweppes sales in the period and £16m or 6 per cent from profits.

In the US, where the group has been battling against intense competition from Coca-Cola and Pepsi, total drinks volumes were I per cent higher with the

Dr Pepper hrand acquired outstripping market growth with a 4.3 per cent rise in volumes. Seven-Up, Cadbury's lemon

and lime drink, continues to suffer from increased marketing by Coca-Cola's rival Sprite brand. Seven-Up sales fell by 2.2 per cent in the half though Cadbury said the rate of decline was slow-ing. Coca-Cola has reported 4 per cent volume growth of Sprite though Cadbury claimed Sprite sales growth was slowing.
"We're in it for the long haul." Mr Sunderland said. One analyst said: "There is a

gloomy in the US as some had feared though we will get houts

Greenfield investments in markets such as Russia, China and Poland continue though the loss in Russia was £4m higher. Sales have improved in Russia but continue to be hampered by low disposable income among consumers. The company said the operation should break

even in three years. In the UK total profits rose by 8 per cent to £41m despite the UK husiness recording a £5m loss. This was due to the sale of the CCSB stake which means the company now only gains franchise income while the UK business also supports a disproportionate amount of the cost structure. UK Dr Pepper sales rose 50 per cent though

this was from a low base. Group sales fell by 18 per cent already priced in the expectation of, say, 7.5 per cent interest rates, it will not make much difference whether that expectation is validated in three small moves or one big one. Indeed, a hig move might just be counterproductive if the markets concluded that the

However, if the currency markets have

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dence of happy consumers keeping the ecommy bubbling at a page of growth above its long run trend. There has also been Bank was much more concerned about the inflation outlook than anybody had realised, and marked future interest rates and the pound still higher. There are two advantages in sticking to

smaller increases. One is that early and small rises might mean the interest rate peak will be lower than it would be otherwise, if it strengthens the opinion that the Bank is "ahead of the curve".

The other is simply that there is a lot of uncertainty about the economy. The two hig events - booming consumer demand and rapidly shrinking export demand - are pulling in opposite directions and nobody has much idea how strong each will he.

The argument against quarter-point increases is that they have little or no dampening effect on consumers, particularly when so many householders are now on fixed-rate mortgages of one sort or another. But in the circumstances, it would take a hrave committee to hammer industry with a big increase

rising rates that is driving the pound higher, recession some time next year. It's hard to remove the expectation and some of the pressure will be taken off sterling.

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recession some time next year. It's hard to separate Prudential's new glasnost with the fees and ground improvements.

see the MPC setting about winning the hearts commercial strategy enunciated for the and minds of the British neople this way.

One small step in rates, one big dilemma for BoE

Sir Peter's glasnost pays dividends for the Pru

Prudential policyholders will, one day, have a lot to thank Tony Blair for. The Prime Minister's close relationship with Sir Peter Davis may well be one of the reasons for the Pru's new face of sweetness and light in the face of the pensions mis-selling scandal.

To spot the difference in attitudes, one need only compare and contrast the attitudes of Sir Peter and his predecessor as chief executive, Mick Newmarch, to this thorniest of problems.

First, there was the insistence three years agn that no mis-selling had taken place, a claim that it was happy to advertise in the national press. Then there was the admission that, yes, there may have been some problems after all, requiring the Pru to set aside an undisclosed sum to compensate a few unfortunate individuals. Finally the Pru dmined yesterday that the episode may cost it £450m - twice the level of previous pro-

All this may appear to overshadow another good six months' results from Prudential, with operating profits at £442m up rency markets stop looking forward to future increases. If it is the expectation of increase the risk of tipping the economy into 19 per cent on the same period last year. Yet

company by Sir Peter 18 momhs ago. Happily for him, and his shareholders, Sir Peter's rehabilitation of the Pru, now the subject of a rather different advertising cam-paign, appears to be paying dividends And in the process, the rewards for good citi-zenship have began to seep through.

Long shots for a stock market listing

Opot the business: it is prone to violent Swings in profitability, it is afflicted with a star culture which results in spiralling wage bills, its best performers can command huge golden hellos, its senior managers tend not to less loss and his dominated by the less loss and his dominated by the less loss and his dominated. not to last long and it is dominated by a hand-

ful of big names. No, not investment banking. Welcome to the world of football.
High finance and soccer go together these days. The Deloitte & Touche annual review of football finance, published yesterday, also makes a persuasive case for why neither business is terribly well suited to a stock market listing. In 1995-96, only Manchester United, of the Premiership clubs, made any serious money. The rest lost £80m between them and the league as a whole ended up with a deficit of £98m. NatWest Markets would be proud of them.

Three quarters of clubs in the Premier League lost money, the main culprits being

taken the plunge and joined the stock mar-ket now have a capitalisation of £1.36hn which puts some of them on a rating which would make the eyes water even in a

hiotechnology company.

Fortunately, reality, or perhaps sanity is beginning to sink in. Anyone with a spare £1,000 could have doubled their money if they had invested it early last season in the six clubs that were then listed. By contrast, the six flotations since the end of March this year have all fallen below their issue

Foothall, like merchant banking, is, as they say, a funny old game. Hard to predict and harder still to know whether next year

will bring the jackpot or relegation. Where investment banking has the edge on football, however, is that in bull markets everyone tends to do well. In soccer, only

one club can win the League or the FA Cup. The advent of pay TV has brought in vast sums of new money and made incomes a little more predictable. Even so, the shareout is still geared to success on the field and there remains a gulf between what the cream of the Premiership and the rest of the league can earn.

None of this will stop the most deter-mined clubs from floating. But as food for thought, Deloitte's soccer annual makes better reading than any match programme.

Cadbury on acquisition trail after flat profits

Cadbury Schweppes said it was wusid ring acquisitions for its confectionery business yesterday as it announced flat half-year profits affected by the strong pound and tough competition

ecutive, said: "In confectionery, the top six companies have less than 50 per cent of the market. so there are more opportunities there than in beverages where

He said the company hoped

fluctuations

to £1.88bn. The 5.5p interim dividend is being paid as a foreign



Dickson Poon. South-east Asia-bound with the outfitters to New York's élite in his pocket

Poon ties knot with Brooks

Magnus Grimond

Dickson Poon, the Hong Kong multi-millionaire credited with revitalising the Harvey Nichols stores group, is turning his hand to Brooks Brothers, outfitters to New York's upper

Mr Poon's Dickson Concepts International has signed an exclusive 10-year franchise deal with Brooks, an offshoot of Marks & Spencer, to open at least 20 stores in South-east Asia. He said yesterday the first outlets in Hong Kong would be selling Brooks' buttondown collar shirts and American-cut suits next year.

Joseph E Gromek, president and chief executive of the US group, said Dickson had been chosen because of its "retail experience with prestige hrands and expertise with real estate". The deal covers most of Southeast Asia, except Japan and South Korea.

son's \$247m (£154m) rescue of The hankrupt Barneys, another US retailer, and was just one of encompassing everything from French perfume to Ferrari cars.

The Hong Kong-based retail group already owns the rights to sell a range of well-known hrands, including Polo, Rolex, Hermes and Bulgari. The latest signings mean it will open 100 more shops in South-east Asia this financial year, taking its in-ternational chain to over 350

The deal with Ferrari will involve using the brand, a legendary name in motor racing for 50 years, as a "retailing concept", Mr Poon said. "It is intended that a retailing concept be developed around the Ferrari spirit which will combine a complete retailing offering of lifestyle merchandise and interactive attractions."

Separately, Dickson Poon's French subsidiary, ST Dupont, has signed a licence agreement with Inter Parfums to produce and sell a range of perfumes under the ST Dupont brand.

The announcements came as Dickson Concepts revealed that net profits rocketed 241 per cent to HK\$1.35bn (£107.2m) in the year to 3 March, mostly as a result of a HK\$901m gain a swathe of agreements announced by Mr Poon yesterday, Nichols and ST Dupont.

Operating profits rose 23 per cent to HK\$635m.

Boom in exports restricted to western Germany

Imre Karacs

German unemployment rose again last month, with 132,000 people joining the dole queue. The seasonally adjusted figure was up by 17,000 to 4,396 million, or 115 per cent of the workforce.

the steadily climbing curve was in the west, where unemployment fell slightly. This was atincome dividend. The dividend tributed to an export boom, was increased by 5.8 per cent.

fit to traditional western in- benefiting the industrial heart- cording to figures issued this dustries than to the construction-dominated east.

Labour market statistics are unreliable in the summer. hecause of the distorting effect of holidays in the 16 Länder falling at different times. But the latest statistics, published yesterday by the Federal Labour Office, confirmed a pattern of weakening activity in the east and growth slowly picking up in

Driven by the low German mark, exports are booming.

Growth is divergent in the

Boots shows its hand

lands of western Germany. In the east, however, the construction sector continues to

jobs market," admitted Bernhard Jagoda, president of the Labour Office. "There is an increasing discrepancy between west and east German Länder." The jobless rate in western Germany now stands at 9.8 per cent, while in the east it is at 18.2 per cent.

The gap is still widening. Ac-

week by the Economics Ministry, conditions are in place for a strong recovery in the west, while the east is plunging back into recession. The ministry reported that orders had risen in June by 1.5 per cent. projecting an annual growth rate of .25 per cent this year. All the upswing is forecast to come from the west, however.

The problem with eastern Germany is that too much of what is produced there is not ex-ported." Mr Jagoda lamented

yesterday. His comments were seen as a tacit admission that exports remain Germany's only salvation, highlighting the importance of the low mark to the

The latest figures are expected to focus attention at the Bundeshank, the governing enuncil of which is meeting next Tuesday. There is specula-tion that the Bundesbank plans a small interest rate hike in order to stop the mark's fall hut doing so might damage the country's export-driven recovery.

pipeline to ease conditions for industry or improve the labour market. The Kohl government's plans to reform taxation and the cension system, thus easing the hurden on employers, were sunk last week by the opposition-controlled upper house of

Even the agreed cut in the "solidarity surcharge", which pays for east German reconstruction, has run into funding

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Woolwich prepares for £800m spending spree

Clifford German

Woolwich is likely to spend up to £800m of spare capital on acquisitions rather than handing it back to shareholders, analysts said yesterday. The former building society

had earlier said it was considering how to use the surplus cash and would put proposals lo shareholders next year. Woolwich increased headline profits in the six months to the end of June by 13 per cent to £214.5m, just beating the

forecast it made when an-

nouncing conversion details.

on converting from a mutually owned building society to a a whole rose from 22 to 23.6 per bank, reducing the profit before tax to £187.8m and the increase to just 2.5 per cent.

Most of the improvement in beadline profits was due to a reduction in the level of bad debts and a drop in operating expenses. Operating income was only 2 per cent higher at £395.4m and interest income was almost unchanged at £302.2m after deducting the cost of special offers which

doubled to £30m. Income from commissions, fees and other sources grew by 9 per cent to £93.2m. Their con-

cent of operating income.

Fees from insurance rose to £30m, while those from the investment side of the business, especially unit trust management, increased to £24.6m. Lending fees increased to £15m, while the estate agencies and surveying side earned slightly less than last year at

Woolwich's share of the new mortgage market, almost 10 per cent a year ago, fell to 4.6 per cent as it cut back on its spe-Investment column, page 16

1.260 stores.

and joins card wars £52m over three years though

Nigel Cope

Boots the Chemists has become the latest retailer to join the loyalty card battle with the launch nation-wide of its Advantage card. The card, which has been on trial in East Anglia and the South-west for the last two vears, will be available across the country from 1 September.

Boots claimed its nsc of smart card technology would give its loyalty scheme an edge over those of rival retailers. Each card will carry a computer chip enabling bolders to redeem points instantly against purchases made in any of Boots'

The card will cost Boots credit card was an uption.

it hopes to achieve a sales uplift of 4 per cent by the end of the financial year 1988-99 which would make it self-funding. It forecasts 8 million members by September next year.

Robert Miller, retail analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said the smart card technology would give Boots "pretty potent information" on its customers' shopping habits. Boots the Chemist managing

director Steve Russell said the card would make it easier to offer additional functions including medical or health insurance. He denied a possible move into banking but said a

But the new bank spent £26.7m Peters resigns from One 2 One to return to the US

hris Godsmark usiness Correspondent

ne 2 One, the smallest of the bur mobile phone networks. esterday stunned the industry y announcing the departure of in Peters, its managing direc-ir, after just a year in the joh. Ms Peters, 45, is returning to be US to run MediaOne, the to leave the UK business at the color next month. ble group owned by One 2 end of next month.

One's joint shareholder, US West. The UK company stressed that the job, as chief executive of the third-largest cable empire in the US, was a promotion which Ms Peters since Ms Peters was appointed could not turn down. She was flying to the US last night on what was described as a "househunting" mission and was due

surprise even to close followers of the company, who have watched its customer hase and in June 1996.

Just a formight ago she was

giving presentations to analysts

outlining One 2 One's aggres-

sive strategy, including the first

pay-as-you-go digital mobile

The news came as a complete service to be launched on Mon-One suggestion was that the

move could cause a rift between One 2 One's shareholders, US West, and Cable & Wireless. Relations between the two groups have been shaky in the past, with US West apparently unwilling to sell its 50 per cent stake in One 2 One to enable C&W to com- £1.2hn to complete the roll-out bine the company with its main of its UK base station network.

UK telephony operation, Cable & Wireless Communications. Ms Peters was credited with turning round One 2 One's position in the UK, growing customer numbers from 410,000 to more than 700,000 with a big advertising campaign and new tariff structures. The company

recently horrowed a further

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Blue-chip profits spur Footsie across the 5,000 line **FTSE 100** +65.6 **FTSE 250** +18.7 5000 mark yesterday: it did so

4517.3 **FTSE 350** in style. Once the index cruised . into uncharted territory shortly after 10.30am yesterday, it did. not stop to look back, power-ing ahead to 5027.7 in early 2400.8 SEAQ VOLUME afternoon, and closing just a fraction lower at 5026.2, up

The main driving force behind Footsie's romp was another raft of strong company points to the need for a further hike in the cost of borrowing.

Thoughts of a delay in raising rates were clearly evident on the foreign exchanges. Ster-

Footsie did not just break 574.5p, putting on a spurt records as it soared above the Other companies that have been hit by the pound's strength in recent weeks included Renters, which closed up 23.5p at 686.5p, and Reed International, which reports re-

sults today, ending the day 18.5p better at 630p. GKN benefited not only from the pound's antics but sults. It was among the best other raft of strong company results, and a emerging belief that the Bank would not increase base rates today even though recent economic date a target price of £12, and buy notes from Charterhouse

Tilney and Credit Lyonnais. GEC followed on GKN's heels, adding 18p to 379.5p, despite news that an executive



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distribution division had re- . takeover resurfaced, with one ceived a large order for an elec-follower describing the retailer

buying former sterling casual-ties, retailers and utilities domestic stocks safe from the. effects of a strong pound were decidedly out of favour. Tesco, which had been wanted 6.5p to 427.5p, and Asda followed suit despite a buy note

as a "sitting duck".
National Power led the Footsie fallers though, off 15p at 524p, and Power Gen dropped 5p to 708p. Water stocks were again looking washed out, with Thames Water, poorer by 8.5p, closing at 776.5p. Severn Trent was also trickling away, losing 15.5p to 834.5p

Oil and water certainly did not mix yesterday, as oils con-tinued their rally after British.

Buyers were supping up Cadbury Schweppes, up 16p to 11.5p, after results roughly in to revive the stock. line with expectations. However, analysis were not unanimously in favour, with Hoare Govett saying it was under-valued, but Société Générale

advising investors to reduce. Two banks reported interim results yesterday. Standard Chartered and the Woolwich. Both met City expectations and Standard rose 32.5p to £10.38, while Woolwich added 5p to 297p. Barclays was back in favour again, richer by 50p to close at £13.28; and HSBC Holdings continued its heady ascent, up 57.5p to £23.09. Halifax was less in demand, sliding 1.5p to 736.5p after NatWest changed its recommendation from hold to reduce.

Petra Diamonds, the mining group which is quoted on AIM, ended 7p better off at 1155p. after announcing that it had won 10,000 square miles of di-amond concessions in north-

eastern Angola.
Vocalis, the voice recognition and call processing specialist, improved 6p to 64.5p after signing deals with nine tele-

coms equipment suppliers.

Viglen Technology, the personal computer group spun off from Amstrad, continued to languish, down 3.5p at 61.5p. And the purchase of two Kiss dance stations by radio group Chrysalis failed to woo investors. The stock closed off 2.5p

Taking Stock

While blue chips are basking in sunshine, there is a dark cloud hanging over some of the small technology stocks. Fibernet Group is a case in point. The company, which supplies and installs electronic networking equipment, optical fibre and cop-per cabling systems, reached a year high of 184.5p in the 116.5p yesterday amid growing concerns over carnings growth for the sector.

pointed to wind up its Webb for the first half of the year to

989.2m shares, 50,335 bargains 96.84 Share spotlight Fibernet Group

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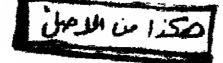
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Chances of the single currency dream crumbling? About 40%

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Multel said in the for the first half ale, the end of June here, different treatment, that makes the rest of us wonder whether participants in the financial markets live on the same planet as the rest of us. The German economy needs higher interest rates like a hole in the head. The speculation about a rate increase co-exists with the widespread conviction that because of the need for a lavish application of fiscal fudge for European Monetary Union to start on time, the single currency will be a "soft" currency. This is the explanation analysis give for the weakness of the German mark and strength of the pound, which is expected to stay out at first.

Whatever planet the curnot Mr Spock's logical Vulcan. These two views - continental interest rates are rising, the euro will be a soft currency -

are mutually inconsistent. Of course, it is unfair in pretend that the same people hold both simultaneously. There is a difference of opinion in the market about the oudook. But if enough people come round to the idea that the Bundesbank might just start raising interest rates some time in the next six months if the economy picks up a bit more and the mark stays very weak, and

ling's fall will prove as dramatic as its ascent. Britons travelling abroad this summer should make the most of the 10-franc. 25tt-peseta pound.

Predicting timing is foolish and dangerous if you are not paid to do it, so I won't. But the correction could be sudden. There are straws in the wind. The newly published monthly EMU publication from investment bank Paribas warns that euro interest rates are likely to be well above current German interest rate levels, and warns: The market as a whole may be

in for a nasty surprise." Paribas economisi Paut Mortimer-Lee argues that interest rates across the Contiment are artificially low to compensate for the extremely tough government budget peli-cies in the increasingly futile effort to hit the Maastricht target for deficit levels. After the start of EMU, governments will no longer have to keep tightening tiscal policy to the same degree year after year. This will evincide with the

new central bank taking over the responsibility for setting in-terest rates. No matter llow narrow nr wide the mentbership, whether those lax Italians rency traders come from, it is are out or in, the cost of burrowing will be set by an unelected, unsackable collection of central bankers who can set their own inflation and mone-



Diane Coyle

The two views that continental interest rates are rising and the euro will be a soft currency are mutually

inconsistent tary targets. Whatever the politicians want, it is difficult to see why the European Central Bank would allow the new euro to be a soft currency. However, even as more people in the financial markets

come round to this way of

thinking, there remain some currency which is gradually sessing the outlook for the single currency and how to price financial assets accordingly. This autumn will mark the start of a crucial phase politically, and the uncertainties are huge. It is hard to find any expert

who is really certain that they

know how it will all turn out.

Which countries will be in, which left out, and what the repercussions witt be. Whether the start date will be postponed, and whether a postponement would be credible or seen as a dressed-up abandonment of the project. Whether it might be abandoned anyway. What the result of regional German elections next spring and Federal elec-tions in the autumn of 1998 will be - as the chart shows, publie opinion in Germany is among the most Eurosceptic there is. In the face of all these unanswerable questions, there is a new flurry of interest in seenarin planning, assigning prob-abilities to different outcomes and figuring out what the im-

A new book* by the respected journalist David Smith looks at the broad economic picture, of which EMU forms only a part. He concludes that the most likely outcome is that the EU will muddle along successfully, with a core single

fundamental problems in as- broadened. He puts the likelibood of this outcome at just over one in three, with a small chance that the economic outlook is rosy if the highest hopes for the single market and single currency are realised. However, that means that the probabilities of the less attractive nutcomes, ranging from a two-track Europe which might break up to total eco-

nomic disaster, add up in more

than one in two. David Marsh, European analyst at the investment bank Robert Fleming, assigns probabilities to three types of outcome in a recent client circular. EMU starting on time; a constructive postponement; and an indefinite postponement. The first option gets only a 25 per cent rating, with a narrow EMU slightly more likely than a wide EMU. He sees a 35 per cent chance of a delay that is politically acceptable and believed by the markets, with EMU starting in 2001-2002. However, the chance of the project crumbling in various ways is highest, at 40 per cent. He sees either lack of credibility in the markets, a Franco-German row or a wide EMU collapsing un-

der the economic strains soon

after it starts in 1999 as the most

likely reasons for the ending of

the single currency dream. Of course, these scenarios can help financial markets in deciding how to rate the separate currencies now. But even the pessimists who think EMU more likely to collapse than to go ahead will have to carry on brooding about it and planning for it. When Europe gets back from its summer holidays (no doubt cursing the hordes ofBritish tourists, flush with cash thanks to the exchange

Cadbury's FD has his sweet dreams cut short

Spare a thought for David Kappler, finance director at Cadbury Schweppes. There he was fast asleep in the early hours of yesterday morning, when at around 2 o'clock his phone went. Somehow, Cadbury's annual results had just popped out on the news wires. The figures were due to he announced at 7.30am how could such a price sensitive announcement have gone

A Cadbury's spokesperson explains: "It was an overenthusiastic employee in Australia who took the results to the Sydney Stock Exchange and handed them over too early. The man who usually does it was away. It was a pure accident."

The chocolates to fizzy drinks group is listed in Sydney and New York as well as London, and the head office routinely gives its results to its colleagues a few hours in advance. At 7.30am Londontime, London phones the others and the figures are revealed. Or so the theory goes.

And is the poor person who prematurely delivered the results still in a joh? A Cadbury spokesperson mur-mured: "I couldn't possibly comment.

You know you thought accountants were boring? Here's incontrovertible proof. if such were needed. Nearly half of the UK's finance directors (49 per cent) take work with them on holiday.

This supremely depressing statistic was compiled by Reed Accountancy Personnel and was published in this week's Accountancy Age, the bean counter's Beano. One particularly sad FD is

quoted in the survey saying: l enjoy my work and like sitting by the pool with my laptop enjoying the sunshine." Oh, for goodness sake, someone throw his laptop in the pool.

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needs a restful night now

that 9 per cent of the 200 FDs surveyed always take work on hols, with 17 per cent saying "sometimes" and another 17 per cent saying "not often". Apparently new technology, such as mobile phones and laptops, makes fiddling with spreadsheets that much easier while you're

sunning yourself sur la plage. Some other FD thoughts: "It's a good chance to catch up on things you never get around to doing in your nor-mal working week." Good grief, Pass the Sangria ...

Looking for a joh? Deutsche Morgan Grenfell is offering a package "north of a hundred" to candidates for the Number Two UK Spokesman joh underneath Marcus Will, spin doctor-in-chief at the investment bank. The previous incumbent, James Murray, took himself off to NM Rothschild recently, and DMG's boss Michael Dobson has commissioned the

City head hunters Odgers to find a replacement. I hear that the search has

has only just started.

These are uneasy times for Ramon Pajares, chief executive at the Savoy, which has suffered a spate of mice sightings recently. The plush hotel owned by Granada may have just gone through a £72m refurbishment, but on Tuesday a correspondent of this very paper was a witness to a rodent escapade

The occasion was dinner with some high-powered could be more civilised? Imagine my colleague's surprise, however, as the party sipped drinks outside the famous River Room, only to he confronted by a "a small but well-fed mouse, which scuttled out from some curtains and disappeared into a sea of chair legs in

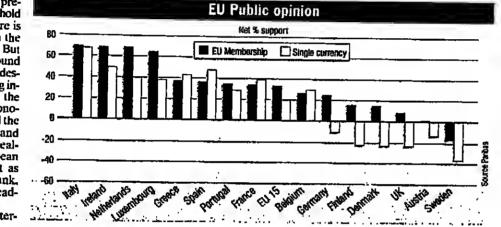
the restaurant". I'm told the Savov staff reacted very calmly - which makes one wonder just how regular an occurrence this is.

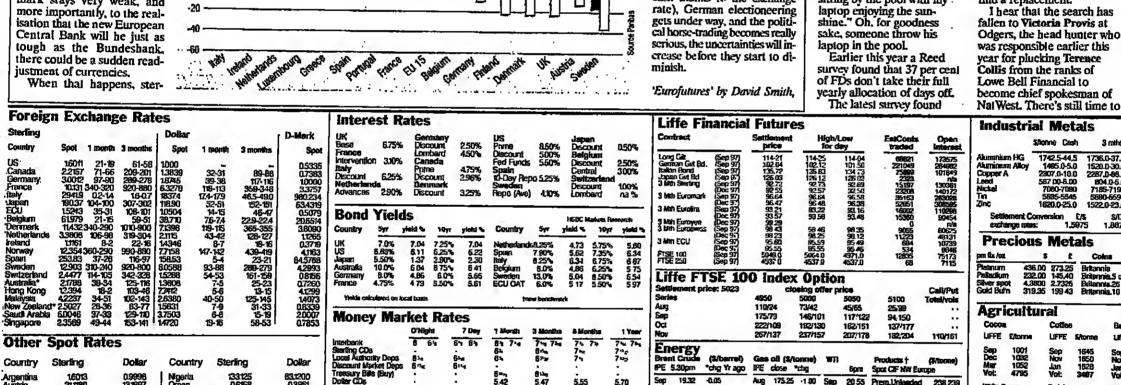
A spokesman for the Savoy says that "it is very unpleasant but it is not a hig problem".

He says that the Savoy is a large old building, and they do get an occasional sighting of mice. The company recently called in a pest control company to sort the problem out, he says. "We hope the new measures will have [the problem] completely under control very soon." So does my colleague

While I was writing about John Mayo's defection from Zeneca to GEC this week I mentioned a former colleague of his at investment bank SG Warburg, another chap also called John Mayo, whom I said was a former senior partner of the City law firm Freshfields. The latter was in fact a former senior partner of the City law firm Linklaters & Paines.

John Willcock

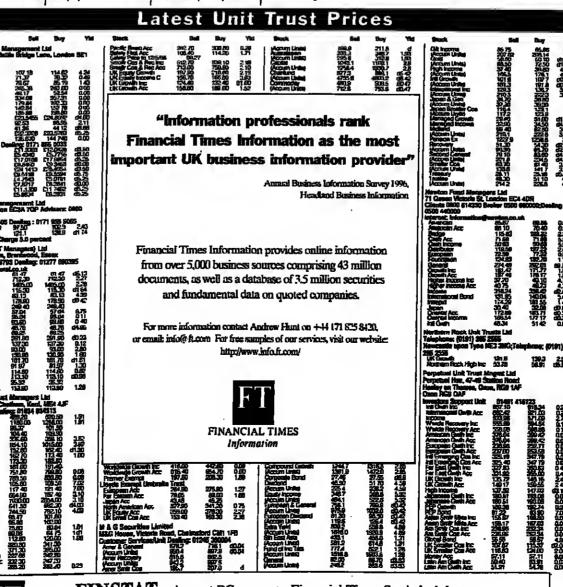




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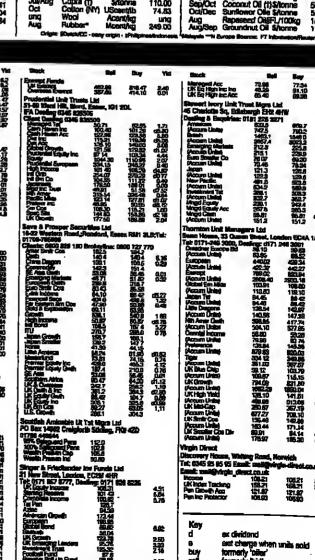
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Shockwaves of Sri Lanka's 952

In a match already wallowing in an ocean of runs and records, the most coveted standard of all cluded their left-banded opener, Sanath Jayasuriya, on the final day of the first Test against India, but Sri Lanka still had the satisfaction of surpassing a mark of far longer standing.

Jayasuriya fell for 340 after 25 minutes, 35 short of Brian Lara's highest Test score of 375, but when stumps were finally drawn on a match that yielded 1,489 runs and a mere 14 wickets, Sri Lan-ka, at 952 for 6, were well clear of England's 903 for 7 declared eainst Australia at The Oval that had stood since 1938 as Test cricket's highest team total.

It was irrelevant to the Test as a genuine contest, but the 30,000 afforded free admission principally to witness Jayasuriya reach his goal and packed into the Premadasa Stadium were exultant. It was a further psy-chological fillip to Sri Lanka's status as undisputed champions of the one-day game.

Upali Dharmadasa, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka, said: "We had set ourselves the target of mastering Test cricket as we have the one-day variety by the year 2000 and our batsmen have to learn to occupy the crease, which is one of the secrets to success in the traditional game. This was a tremendous performance and means a lot to us in the development of a real Test team."

Yet, according to the former Australian captain Greg Chappell, here as a television commentator, such pointless results are only hastening the day when regulations governing Test cricket must be changed to ensure its survival.

The groundsman prepared an absolute belter, which did not offer an equal contest between bat and ball and you can't out in the space of three balls. blame the batsmen for taking full advantage," he said.

'Anyone who makes 300 in a Test has got to have great skill and powers of endurance hut the public is not going to come out to watch when they know they're not going to have a chance of a result.

On the first four days of the match no more than 3,000 spectators were in the ground and it was only Jayasuriya's stunned spectators had no time

Tony Cozier witnesses the one-day specialists' intent to dominate Test cricket with a world record in Colombo

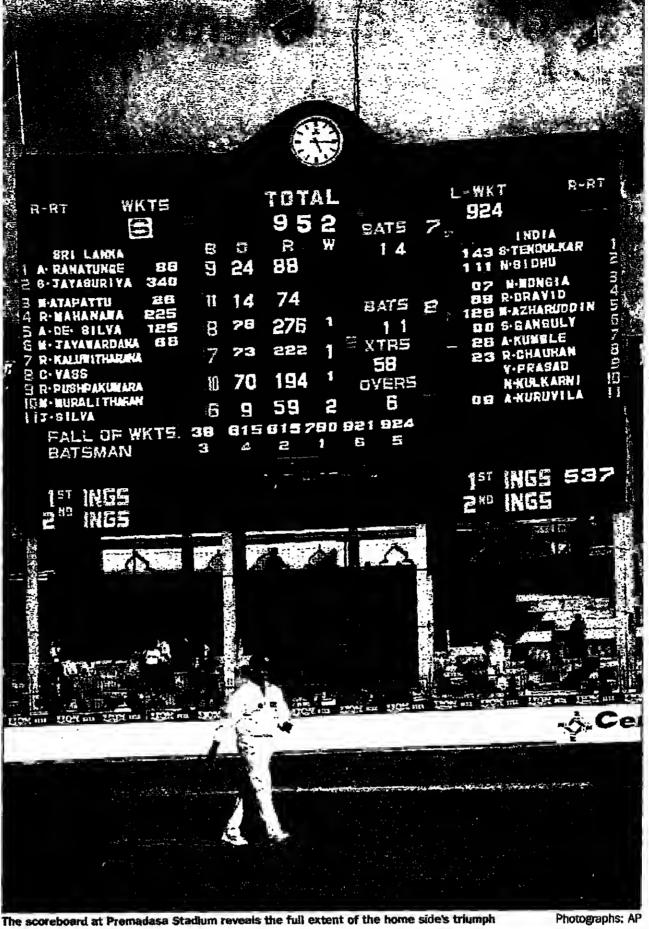
proximity to Lara's mark and to overcome their shock before the open gates that attracted a Jayasuriya fell to the second ball full house on the final day. Already there has been talk in of the next over, nervously prodding a catch to silly point this part of the world, not least from the off-spinner Rajesh from the new president of the Chauhan. It was the first chance International Cricket Council, he had given in 13 and a quar-Jagmohan Dalmayia, of ter hours at the wicket and, streamlining Tests to prevent after the initial silence, he left their demise

to a rousing ovation.

All after that might have been a crushing anticimar, but Aravinda de Silva and the captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, Sri Lanka's longest-serving cricketers and most attractive batsmen, were not going to waste a perfect batting pitch. They put on 175 in two and a quarter hours before Ranatunga ran himself out 14 short of his fifth Test hundred. De Silva would not be so careless and passed his 12th Test hundred before holing out to long-off for 126 once England's previous high total had been passed. Sri Lanka reached the 903 from 260 overs. England, for whom Len Hutton made 364, Maurice Leyland 187 and Joe Hardstaff Jnr 169 not out, had taken 325.2 overs. Even in that, Sri Lanka could The crowd had come in their claim superiority but did it really amount to much?

History's liighest Test totals

v England, The Dval, 1987



Cowdrey East keeps Kent in the hunt

JOHN COLLIS reports from Canterbury Kent 203-4 v Essex

If county cricket could always be as it was at the St Lawrence Ground yesterday morning Lord MacLaurin could stop fiddling with the game. Al-though there was always a sweaty threat in the air, the advertised thunderstorms stayed away but thousands of supporters did not. They filled the stands and marquees for a festival match between teams who started the day two points apart and both in touch with the leaders, Glamorgan, in a Championship that remains intrigu-ingly open. No further incentive was necessary to produce a

keen contest. Essex are playing without Mark llott (bruised heel), Ashley Cowan (shoulder injury) and Nasser Hussein (higher things) while of Kent's firstchoice men Dean Headley is also at Trent Bridge with Eng-land. This afforded opportunities for the Essex fast bowler Steve Andrew to play his second Championship game of the season, and Kent's batsman Will House his first ever.

Trevor Ward launched the Kent innings as if he had in mind a score of Sri Lankan proportions. The loss, however, of Ed Smith, enjoying a successful first full season, and Ward himself persuaded Alan Wells and Graham Cowdrey into some mid-morning repair work. The pitch was lively but true, and it demanded a hig score.

Just before hinch Peter Such,

fresh (if that is the word) from setting a Championship record of 86 overs in an innings, was greeted by a huge Wells six, and after conceding 17 runs in two overs, he wandered back into the outfield somewhat reflectively.

The arrival of rain in mid-afternoon was no surprise, and it left Wells a run short of his season's sixth Championship 50. As a top player signed on a fiveyear contract, an objective assessment of his season so far would rate it solid but below expectations. After a 30-minute delay, however, he moved up a notch, in league with an increasingly belligerent Cow-drey and Keot steadily took control of the day.

Paul Prichard permutated with Neil Williams and Ronnie Irani, Steve Andrew and Stuart achieved bounce without bite. Eventually Irani thudded Cowdrev's pad soon after the bats man had passed 50 and just before the monsoon arrived from Eastbourne at tea-time, Wells went down on one knee and smote the suffering Such for his third six and first Kent

Game's blueprint prompts Sussex mini-tournament plan

Sussex have proposed a series of pre-season regional tournaments to make up for the lost number of county games under

the new blueprint for cricket. The club's chairman, Robert Mariar, and chief executive, Tony Pigott, are unhappy about the reduction of matches and

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shire won toss

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County Championship

Lancashire v Warwickshire

BLACKPOOL: Lancashire (4pts) are 194 for 3 in reply to a first-training total of 139 by Warwickshire (0). Today: 11.0

pionship during March.

Jayasuriya's Innings of 340

droves, carrying their drums, trumpets and flags - and their hopes and expectations. For

most it was a mere formality for

the popular Jayasuriya to add the

50 runs he needed to take his

place at the head of the game's

Instead their dreams were

shattered within 25 minutes. In

the twinkling of an eye both

Roshan Mahanama, who had stayed with Jayasuriya for more

than two days while adding 547,

and Jayasuriya himself were

Mahanama, the tall, correct

right-hander, went back to Anil

Kumhle's top-spinner and was leg before for 225, the first and

only such decision of the match

and a courageous one at that by

the umpire, K. T Francis, him-

immediate

enveloped the ground that had

been enlivened by three fours

from each batsmen, and the

self a Sri Lankan.

most illustrious batting list.

ends abruptly

"We will propose that all preseason trips should be abandoned and that March be used to play a mini regional champi-onship on uncovered pitches,"

"We are doing this because we are not happy about the reduction of Championship games.

Fall: 1-8, 2-20, 3-21, 4-36, 5-44, 6-76, 7-112, 8-132, 9-132.

Bowling: Martin 19-5-46-6; Austin 18.4-3-45-4; Shadford 4-0-17-0; Gallian 8-2-

30-0.

LANCASHIRE - First innings
JER Gallian c Oatler b Weich
N T Wood c Brown b Donald
N H Pathother c Frost b Brown
G O Lloyd not out

M E Harvey not out Extras (b1, /b8, w2, nb14).

Total (49.4 overs)

said they will put forward a pro-posal for a mini-regional cham-and when it was first announced prakash added 128 for the third ies later.

Mike Gatting and Ram-prakash added 128 for the third ies later.

Mike Gatting and Ram-short of his century 18 deliver-ies later.

ter. Instead, it was Jason Ratcliffe who seized the opportunity to Bicknell moved to 63 from 17 I felt like going to war over it.

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The Middlesex captain, Mark Ramprakash, was left on 99 not out when the first day of the match against Hampshire at Lord's finished early. Bad light and rain took 33 overs out of the first day and the premature end left Middlesex 212 for 3 off 71

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

To Bat: *M Watkinson, I O Austin, †W K Hegg, G Yates, P J Martin, D J Shadford.

Bowline Donald 14-4-29-1; Welch 18-4-57-1; Srown 15-2-58-1; Giles 2-0-14-0; Hernp 3-0-25-0.

THE POSTER'S OVAL: Surrey are 164 for 2 in their first imings against Durham.

Fell: 1-9, 2-42, 3-167.

Surrey v Durham

Today: 110

Surrey wort toss

wicket before Gatting played a lazy shot to a long hop from Mathew Hayden and succeeded in swatting it to Robin Smith at mid-on. Gatting fell three short of his half-century while Ramprakash, who had reached his 50 off 94 balls, was in total command. But after reaching 99 in the 66th over, he was still

Extras (b4, b9, w2, nb4).

To bat: A D Brown, *C C Lewis, †J N Bat-ty, M P Bicknet, R M Arnin, Saqisin Mush-cac, J E Benjaran. Bowling: Brown 15-1-51-0; Wood 5-0-26-0; Betts 15.1-8-35-1; Fuster 8-3-27-1; Bolling 2-0-12-0

Durhem: S Hutton, J J & Lewis, J E Mor-ris, *O C Boon, †M P Spaight, R M S We-ston, M J Roster, J Boiling, M M Betts S J E Booker, J Wood.

LORD'S: Middlesex (1pt) are 212 for 3 in their first lawings against Hempshire

To Bat: J C Pooley, 1X R Brown, KP Dutch, R L Johnson, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser.

Bowling: Millum 20-3-52-1; Renshow 15-4-52-1; Mascarenhas 17-6-32-0; Stepherson 12-2-42-0; Udal 2-0-6-0; Naydan 4-0-23-1.

Manufathre: J S Laney, M L Hayden, G W White, R A Smith, M Keech "J P Stephenson, tA N Aymes, S O Udal, A D Mascarenhas, S J Renshaw, S M Milburn.

ston not out R Spiring run out ...

Middleser won toss

extras (lo5, nb4) ..

Total (for 3, 71 overs).... Fall: 1-13, 2-68, 3-194.

Unspires: V A Holder and R Paimer.

Total (for 2, 45.1 overs). Pat: 1-63, 2-67.

At The Oval, Mark Butcher failed to respond to the challenge of the Surrey manager, David Gilbert, to take out his frustrations on the Durham attack.

Butcher, dropped by Eng-land and disciplined by Surrey for a show of petulance at Lord's on Sunday, scored 24 before he lost his off stump to Mike Fos-

KIENT - First implies
T R Ward low b Andrew
E T Smith c Robinson b Williams
E T Smith c Robinson b Williams
G R Cowdrey low b Irani
W J House c & b Such
Extras (10, 101, 102, 102)
Rotal (104 4, 67.1 overs)

Feb: 1-23, 2-52, 3-190, 4-203. To bet: M A Eelhern, M V Herning, P A Strang, *15 A Marsh, M J McCague, J 8 D Thompson.

Bowfing Williams 10-0-51-1: Irani 18-4-53-1; Andrew 9-6-18-1; S G Law 14-6-31-0; D R C Law 12-5-23-0; Such

ESSEX: *P J Prichard, O O J Robinson, T P Hodgson, S G Law R C Irant, O R C Law, A P Greyson, †R J Rollins, N F Williams S J W Andrew, P M Such.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and P Willey

INDIA - First Imlings 537 for 8 dec (Sachin Tendukar 1A3, Navjot Skihu 111, Michammed Atharuddin 126, Rehul Dravid

SRI LANKA - First Innings (Overright: 587 for 1) ST Jayasunya c Gangaly b Chauhan ... 340

R S Martenams Low or Authors 225
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R S Kabuwitherene not out 11
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Total (for 5 in 271 overs) 952
Did not bat: K R Pushpekumera, M Muralibran, K J Silva.
Patl of wickets: 2-615, 3-615, 4-790, 5-921, 6-924.

5-921, 6-924, Bowling: Venkstesh Prasad 24-1-83-0; kunwila 14-2-74-0; Chaufran 78-8-276-1; Kumba 72-7-223-1; Kulkami 70-10-195-1; Ganguly 90-53-2; Tendulkar 2-1-2-0; Dravid 2-0-4-0

First Test

Sri Lanka v India

(Final day) COLOMBO: Match drawn.

impress. Ratcliffe scored a faultless 54 not out in Surrey's 164 for 2 on a day shortened by bad light and rain to 45 overs...

Conditions seemed set fair for Butcher, who has not been able to rediscover the prolific form of last season. The acting captain, Chris Lewis, won the toss and chose to bat, and there were few

Padraig Harrington and the Spaniard Ignacio Garrido pre-

fer to be different as they hattle

for Ryder Cup points at the Czech Open in Prague this week.

The Irishman, though beart-

ened by a late invitation to next

week's USPGA Championship,

believes the European team

will not be decided until the fi-

nal counting event, the BMW

International in Munich, at the

end of the month. He refuses to

take anything for granted.

Garrido, in contrast, believes

overs. Durham then struck to remove

both openers in successive overs, however. Bicknell flicked at a legstump delivery from Melvyn Betts to give Martin Speight a catch, while with only four runs added, Butcher drove all round a swinging ball from Foster and was bowled via his pad.

a late invitation to the USPGA.

tiring. I'm playing the USPGA,

then the European Open [in

Ireland) and the BMW, which

means I shall have played eight

"I'm giving myself every chance of making the team and

if my Ryder Cup place was in

the hag I'd take a week off. But

I don't think it will be in the bag.

dinavian Masters last Sunday

It will go down to the wire."

times in nine weeks.

Harrington, who is in 11th place in the Cup table, does ad-

Harrington faces hard graft Duffield "Things seem to be going my way." he says. "Twe been invit-

ed to the USPGA, I'm in good mit: "It's a huge advantage to go to the USPGA but it will be form and I don't feel nervous. I think I will make the team now." Though 13 of the top 20 in the table are in the Czech field there are three notable absentees, Sweden's Per-Ulrich Johansson, Thomas Bjorn, of Denmark, and the Spaniard Miguel Angel Martin, current-

ly sixth, seventh and eighth. -Johansson is resting this week, Martin has had a wrist operation. which will keep him inactive for six weeks, and Bjorn has an ankle injury. Which presents Harrington and Garrido with the

cally, the 21-year-old Woods. Understandably, he is, a lit-tle fazed by the fuss. "Nothing

he will now make the team, eswhich took him him to 10th pecially as he, too, has received place, has a different view. opportunity to overhaul them. Woods makes waves in Michigan

Garrido, second at the Scan-

I now know who the fifth Beatle was," a veteran reporter said after a tightly controlled news conference with Tiger Woods on the eve of the Buick Open at

Warwick Hills, Michigan. Such is the fevered anticipation surrounding the young

golfer's appearance that security has been almost doubled from past years. More than 100,000 spectators will make their way around the course between now and Sunday, the lure pre-tournament hype is, typi-

No play yesterday
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CHAMPIONSHIP: Somerser v GoucesCHAMPIONSHIP: Somerser v GoucesCHAMPIONSHIP: Second ond XI Championship (First day of three unless stated)

Oxfact: Essex 152-6 (W Ritserns 62) v Sur-rey. Rein stopped play. Seatton Carew. Kert. 274 (M J Walker 86, C O Walsh 53, C L Campbell 4-50), Durham 64 for 2.

Lelcaster: Leicastershire 411 for 7 dec (D Stevens 181, A Habib 58, G P Swann 4-96) Northants 20 for 1. Barnet Green: Sussex 228 (BEA Preece 4-45), Wordestershire 98 for 3. Startley (second day of faut): Werwick-shire 273 (W G Khen 60, 0 f Parkin 6-61) and 134 for 1 (W G Khen 80 no), Glamengan 354 (M J Powell 107). of Tigermania drawing them to the event that has perhaps the

strongest field in its history. Mark Brooks, who will defend his PGA Championship next week at Winged Foot, is here. So is Ernie Els, the US Open champion. And Justin Leonard, who won the Open three weeks ago, happens to be the defending Buick Open

champion, tno. Yet the man monopolising the

prepared me for this," Woods said, "and I've been in the media since I was three-years-old." Even his early practice round did not pass quietly. "It's weind when you get 1,000 people following you when it's 7,30 in the morning," Woods said. "Because, I'll guarantee you, I'd be in bed asleep at that hour if'I didn't have to play."

Lindsay answers critics

Rugby League

Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of Rugby League, has insisted that the World Club Championship has been a succuss despite the destruction of European dreams on the field and of financial hopes off it. Lindsay, also chairman of the Super League International Board, responded to crideism of the tournament and claimed

the northern hemisphere clubs

would improve significantly as a result. "People who know anything about rugby league always expected that the Australasian clubs would probably achieve more than their European counterparts," he said but I recognise that the full extent of that advantage has surprised a great many people even within the game.

"Yet the World Club Champinaship will prove the vehicle for European clubs to launch their recovery programme."



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Umptres: 8 Leadbeater and G Sharp Kent v Essex Contenbury: Kent (191) are 203 for 4 in their first limings against Essex (1). Today: 11.0 Hent won tos

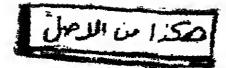
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Cowdrey Leasterby fined heavily keeps Kent in the hunt Over a 'non-trier' Cred Wood hears a trainer's flippant for the horse term plans for the ho

Club's headquarters in Portman Square yesterday evening hut it would have taken rather more than that to fill the large hole which had just appeared in his bank account.

Easterby was fined £2.500 by the Club's Disciplinary Committee over the performance of Wait N'Sce. a two-year-old which runs in his name, in races at Carlisle and Doncaster earlier this year, while Terry Lucas, the gelding's rider on both occasions, was banned for 11t days under the same Rule 151, which deals with non-triers.

The size of Easterby's fine which is believed to be the largest ever imposed for such an offence – indicates the seriousness with which the Committee viewed the offence.

The case was referred to Portman Square by the local slewards at Carlisle, following Wait N'See's victory at the track on 12 June, a success which was apparently not a surprise since e was backed from 11-2 to 11-4 in the ring. In his previous race, at Doneaster, Wait N'Sec response to Jockey Club punishment

had finished well down the backer's faith in the integrity of field, and since the Carlisle racing, though, quite like a stewards could not obtain video footage of that race, the matter was passed on to the disciplinarians in Landon.

saw. Lucas was found to be in breach of Rule 151 (ii), "in that he failed to ride the gelding to obtain the best possible placing", while Easterhy was guilty under rules (5t (i) and (iii), since "this lailure was the result of his instructions". In some cases, this might simply imply a misunderstanding. The size of the fine, however, is a clear indication of the Commutee's belief that on the afternoon in question. Lucas was well aware of the trainer's intentions for his horse, and victory was not lore-

most among them. Since Wait N'See started at 50-1 for his race at Doneaster. it is unlikely that many punters were left out of pocket when, as the form book puts it, he fin-ished minth of 12 and "never nearer". Nothing graws at a banned Zamlaska from racing

horse which shows sudden improvement when the money is down. With racing turnover under tremendous pressure They did not like what they from the Lottery and betting on other sports, the Club is clearly determined to persuade trainers that offenders will not escape lightly.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Mithak (Pontefract 3.45) NB: Silent Valley (Pontefract 5.15)

Yesterday's fine is a signifi-

cant increase on these imposed in similar cases over the last year. Micky Hammond, Gary Moore and Tidly Balding were all fined £1,000 for breaches of Rule 151, while earlier this season, Luca Cumani was lined (900) over the running of Zaralaska at York's May meeting. The York stewards also

for 30 days, though the longterm plans for the horse were not seriously affected since he ran out the easy winner of the Bessborough Handicap at Royal Ascot just two days after the end of the suspension. The stewards could have imposed a similar ban on Wait'N'See yesterday, but seem in have de-cided that this would have been a case of shutting the stable door

after the horse had bolted in.
It was a busy day for the
Committee, who had earlier warned off Christopher Stubbs. described as a "regular racegoer", for three years after he admitted passing himself off as a jockey on two occasions in Decemher last year, and aiding Philip Taylor, a jockey's valet, in placing bets. Following an earlier hearing. Taylor's licence to act as a valet was withdrawn until at least 1 December.

Richard Hannon failed to overturn the relegation of his Interdream from first place in a race at Brighton in July. Hannon argued that interference hetween Interdream and Who's That Man, who finished a short-head second, had not improved his horse's placing.



Kieren Fallon, maintaining his great run of form, is welcomed into the winner's enclosure at Brighton yesterday on Golden Pound

Photograph: The Sporting Life

Fallon in for a **Pound**

Kieren Fallon broke his duck at rainy Brighton yesterday when Golden Pound took the Tote Credit Sprint Handicap. The season's leading jockey, who last rode at the seaside track five years ago without a winner, said: After a huge traffic jam on the M25 coming here il may he five years until I come hack again!"

Golden Pound, the 9-4 favourite, led two furlongs out and won by three quarters of a length from Ivory's Grab Hire.

Gay Kelleway, who trains the winner, said: He will go for the Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon a week on Saturday now - a race I won last year with Samwar. He spent four months in his box after losing half of his off hind boof.

"He got an infection in it and his vet dug it out and cured it. Weight has beaten him in his last three runs hut he shouldn't get too much for this win.

"I fancied him today, but I took a zero off my bet when I saw the rain coming down." Dane O'Neill scored a near

23-1 double on Colour Counsellor and Homestead. The first -named, a grey, won by six lengths from Runic Symbol.

O'Neill secured his brace on Homestead in the closing Edburton Maiden Handicap, beating Ed's Folly by three and a half

Filly hurts **Duffield**

George Duffield escaped serious injury in accident in the winner's enclosure at Newcastle yesterday. The 50-year-old ap-peared to badly hurt when Miss Main Street lashed out in the winners' enclosure after he had ridden her to victory in the sec-

ond race Duffield lay on the ground in agony as medics rushed to offer assistance and it was only after several minutes that the senior jockey gingerly got to his feet before being put on a stretcher.

It later emerged that Duffield had suffered nothing worse than bruising to his thigh. He missed his ride on All On in the fourth race but, after some theament, was able to partnere Missiortuna in the last.

"I'm very lucky. If the kick had been just a few inches further up I was in trouble. It would have done me up right and proper," said Duffield. "A twoyear-old spooked and that is part and parcel of the joh."

PONTEFRACT

2.15 Bold Top 2.45 Shifty Mouse 7.20 Top Of The Form 3.45 Percy Isle

HYPERION 4.15 Tart And A Half 4.45 Bright Heritage 5.15 Coral Island

GOING: Fined to Fam

GOING: Good to Firm

STALLS: Insole all races. DRAW ADPANTAGE: Lost loss up to one note.

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Course is the morth rest of town on Most. Practical (Monkhill) statum betwee from Leets and Wakershill Ing Tarshelf statum betwee from Wakershill night architecture. ADMISSION: This 21 Listabot 85.5 Silver long SUAR, CAR PARK: Third long, our with low networks, \$1 plus 52 at intractiles; remaining free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; Mrs J Bannaden - in wanners from 10% runners, architecture of 10, 30 and a profit to a 51 leet stake of 5 foots; d L Egree - 14 sunners. It I runners. 10 town 5 foots, 31 L Boldinsbead - 12 sunners, 10 towners, 75%, 472.75; 1 Balding - 11 sunners. 10 towners, 12 towners, 15 foots, 21 L Bolding - 11 sunners, 17 foots, 5 foots, 15 foots, 21 line, 21 tiple, 10, 20 at 75 foots, 21 foots, 2

RLINKERED FIRST TIME: Monoghetti (visorri, ", [5]), Coral Island (visorri, 5 15); Sequola Prince (1820) (15). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYS; Gold Dealer (14, 16) was at Ascot on Francy, Done-

ble Oscar (4 15) with at Catterick on Throday
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS; Casual Water (4.45) has been sent 201 miles by A G New-rounds from Huntshaw, Better, Berandon Magic (4.45) sent 165 miles by I Haking from Kingsche-

- 9 decisred BETTONG: 3-1 Castemaria, 4-1 Left The Leady, 9-2 Lapu-Lapu, Bold Top, 11-2 Augustan, 8-1 Cabus
Roof, 12-1 Beans Script, 16-1 others.

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Tendas entires.

CUBAN REEF was 5th lawer when she beat Closed Up thindt by just over two lengths at Lingfield in May but the Musson mare went close off this sort of mark afterwards, running Moware to a need at Haydock and tren teeting all bar Shinting Example as Goodwood. All three roots were amatter events in which Cuban Reef was hotten by Trin McCarthy. Oved Up is just 21b better off with Cuban Reef on Unifield running but has already want two races. Up is just 21b better off with Cuban Reef of Unifield numbing but has detectly with two faces in this series this season. Challentile can't be knocked for failing to hold off the fast-improving McGibycuchy Reeks at Beverley last week but she might be pushed to add to two previous course and distance wins if Bold Top Istift a maldern con reproduce the sort of fails founds that carried him into third behind Les Eyro's runner here fast month. Bold Top was almost four lengths admit but of Jab put will help him namow the gap and hall get a good ride from Jamee Coldstein Runner-up to Tajar at Chepstow two outrigs ago, Augustom, with too jumps amasteur Robert Thomation on board again, regist need a longer thip but on the songs is just right for Lapu-Lapu, whose last visit to Pontefract resulted in her finishing third of 17 (pearen a length) to Opalente and Kifnamamyra Grit.

Selection: CUBAN REEF

	2.45	CORNIMIL HOTEL (HULL) MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO 6f Penaity Value £3,276
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	12 :	30 MOOTHYEB (USA) (45) (BF) (Herrdan Al Makkaum) N Graham 9 Q
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	ا آ	NUCLEAR DEBATE (USA) (10) U R Chesteri Mrs. J Rameden 9 0
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	š :	33 BOULEVARD ROUGE (USA) (24) IN Hoogsoni M Johnston 89 Women 7
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BETTING: 13-8 Nuclear Debate, 3-1 Boulevard Rouge, 13-2 Shifty Mouse, 7-1 Moothyeb, 10-1 No-ble Demand, 12-1 Priceless, Kertilosing, Sinck, 16-1 Deugerus Precedent, 1996; Irish Accord (NSA 2 9 0 K Fallon 16-1 (Mrs.) Ramsden, drawn (1) 13 ran

HYPERION

2.30 Cettic Venture 3.00 Ginger Rogers 3.30 LONG-

WICK LAD (nap) 4.00 Hard To Figure 4.30 Dum-

GOING: Good.

STALLS: Straight course - for side, round course - treate.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand, gallogung course. Four furloug run-in bands to the left and is uphill all the way.

Resecourse is two miles north-west of raty near A431. Buth rull station two miles wary. ADMISSION: Club 512 lawrampanied under 16s free; Tattepeals 58; Silver long 54 (time 54 per car). CAR.

DARK: For the first of the first fir

PARK: Free. 2(INKEREI) FIRST TIME: Sperorth (5.10); Munikin (vicarei, 4.10);

Blues Queen (visored, 4.20).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYS; None.
LONG-RISTANCE RUNNERS: Mystical (4.00) has been sent 250
miles by Mrs L. Stubies from Huston Sessay, North Yorkshire; Junior
Muffin 12.30 # Assettman (4.20) sent 213 miles by J Berry from
Conference Lancashure.

2.30 FRANCASAL SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 2YO 5f

mer Golf Time 5.00 Jean Pierre (nb)

FORM GUIDE.

Headhurder's debut our at harmouth on July 16 tollowed names first-time out deltails ear-Headfurdier's debut out of harmorth on July 15 retained interviewe at the month for Perine Hand at Rippon and High Shedt at Europe, so the signs are that stratement PRICELESS will know what is wanted. Although the future Shefty Mouse and Sindh also ingresser statuses that can get a two-year-old reads to with his hims, Process, could be the newtone to uposit Nacional behalt. Proceeds is notice by Froge I prot, on poord when Prime Hand was beaten just a head by Repor Days Again at Roon. Muclear Debuts must be defined to best, though, in a race that tyrich Ramadon son took year with lesh faceral, Nuclear Debuts his heads to best, though, in a race that tyrich Ramadon son took year with lesh faceral, Nuclear Debuts his head to be the first Hand that the Beverley race won by Jeo Walams but has done before of the two in the meantains, bearing all tear More termos where a single at 19-numer maxima or Windows for his days ago. Beaterward Reager's that is O'cut Prodicy (between in the Queen Many) and Schink Rose (copy united at Carrier on Monday) suggests shots going the right way and the stable is in the form.

Selection: PRICELESS

3.15 AUGUST CLAMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 3YO 5f Penalty Value £2,574

T declared BETTING: 13-6 Transarra Teach, 2-1 Top Of The Form, 11-6 Bayford Terror, 16-1 Went Eas Girt, 25-1 First Clockes, Presidentially, Welstyner Low.

1996 Zulern 38 11 N Dorley 3-2 IT Etherapson drawn 44-7 per

FORM GLIEDE

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so it's a bit surprising to see him switched to a comming race lodge. This is his first start since he linished down the first behind Return Of Amin at York in June, but the fact remains since he laushed down the Bedd behind Return Of Arms at York in June, but the lact remains that Treature Touch wouldn't have to be anywhere near his best to best most of these, the obvious exceptions being 100° OF THE PORM and Beyland Tarissa, Not quite good enough in handmaps this year, Beyland Thrust was also found waiting the last limit he ran in a claimer third to Causeon of Chester, and he freshed just behind Top Of The Form in the Redcar race won by Blossinghidisguisse. Considering she was taking on older horses on her test run of the season, Top Of The Form didn't run badly at Redcar and she made the most of the drop in class of Camerok (Fig. advisorable, leading from start to finish to be at Palacegate Touch two lengths. Claimed out of Mark Johnston's yard for £12,000 at Carterok, Top Of The Form ring's be good enough getting 10th from Treasure Touch.

Selection: TOP OF THE FORM

3.45 ROGERTHORPE MANOR HOTEL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £7,700

4.15 CHAPLINS CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 5f 27:521 DOLLE OSCHE (2) (0) 4: 1, Razzy D Nords 4 10 3 (76 | 2015|| HIGH DOBBING (2) (0) ATT, NOTIFY DIRECTOR 15 (NOTIFY DIRECTOR) | 1 Neuron 8 (2) (0) Attended (3) | 1 Neuron 8 (4) (2) Attended (4) Attended (4) Attended (5) Attended (6) Attended ____7 E Durcon (0) 10 8

4	.45	MAITY BOWN MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (CI added 1m Penalty Value £3,469	ASS D) £5,000
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		Bright Heritage, 12-1 Okra, 15-1 For Atlantic, 25-1 Pearl Silk.	33-1 others.
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5.15 TALLY HO HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,300 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £2,805

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If the Beverich apprentice handicals won by High Spirits, Silient Valley was behind Tipperary Surgest and Settingest but at least he's gone on to win a little race, even if it was a
weat intaken at Nothingham. In his premous race, also at Nothingham, Silient Valley finished
just over four lengths of the regimer. Stient Heart, whereas WARRIOR KIMM was only a nock
behind Roong Heart when they falso the places in the Salisbury correct win by Rocky Dence.
That performance suggests that Warrior Ring has what it takes to win a little handlerp at
this tip. Samspet deems inconsistent but han Special-K to half a length in the multiple
seriey a month ago so he is not out of it.

Selection: WARRIOR KIMG

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MANON'S PET (\$40 R Hodges 8 6 Areande Stanton (S) 1

O PPTS ADDITION (S) 1 Clave 8 5 R Carter 4

ORVER PRONER (2.7) N Usher 8 6 I Marked 5

ETTING: 4-1 Mister Johns, 9-2 Dane 6 Pyer, 5-1 American, 11-2 Market 10

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4.00 SILKWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) E4,025 added 5f 161yds 03 WIND IN THE PARK (41) U Salarian 8 8 \$ Carson (7) 12 - 12 declared -BETTING: 8-2 Ok John, 5-1 Verdant Express, 13-2 Swift Ticos, 8-1 Junior Harlin, Astro Lady, Pip's Addition, 15-1 River Frontier, 12-2 others. 1 12/22 SPANARDS CLOSE (393) (0) (8F) P Moven 9 9 10 .. 2 050011 HARD TO PIGURE (15) (CD) R Hodges 11 9 D.... 3.00 STAYERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 2 05:001.1 NAMED TO PROMISE MAY FOR J. P. M. Marchy (3) 1.2
3 005:10 NEGRIT HARBACHY (71) (CD) Mcc. S Waton 4.8 1.2 S Withbroath 6
4 5:55:605 BLUES QUEEN (B) (D) M Cherchon 3.8 1.1 ... R Highes 3.V 5
5 05:3041 BRYSTICAL (DB) Mis L. Sacce, 3.6 9 ... R Plenneh (S) 7.V 6
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11 10-000 FORZARA (2.11) Spearing 4.8 1 ... F Norton 10
11 10-000 FORZARA (2.11) Spearing 4.8 1 ... F Norton 10 - 4 declared - GETTING: 4-5 Singer Region, 2-1 Sipports, 7-1 Sixtles Majory, 20-1 Abbey 3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 5f

— 12 declared — BETTINE: 2-1 Hard To Figure, 11-2 Speniards Gose, Blass Queen, 13-2 Mg6t Harmony, Defreb, 8-1 Myotical, Sairn Attool, 25-1 others.

4.30 HOLIDAY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added im 304/24 TOUROURS RIVERA (S) (D) J Pearts 7 9 10 N Day 5 EETITINE: 7-4 Bonamon Peak, 11-4 Epine 150-0 FRAL SUB (15) P Horis 4 9 8 20-1 One in The Eye, 33-1 Haydown.

-007115 SAFFRON ROSE (\$1 (D) (\$7) M Blanshant 3 9 7 Qujan 9 600755 MMATEVENTS ROSHT (10) (D) M Usher 8 9 5......M Roberts 8 0-0020 VENS VIDI VIDI (22) (D) (BP) M Heaton-Elis 4 9 4A Clark 4 03542 DUMMER GOLF TIME (7) (BF) Lord Hummitton 4 8 11 __ DESCRIPTION ALFAHAMAL (S) (D) R Johnson Houghton 4 8 9 _____ B Carter 5 .2500 THREE WEEKS (128) (D) W Mor 4 8 7 _____ Dane O'Nell 7 .15223 VANBOROUGH LAD (36) (DD) M Botton 8 7 10._____

10 3127-0 LEGUARD EXPRESS (15) (CO) O O'Neil 9 7 10 ... N Adamy 2 B - 10 declared -Necessim megis: 7st 10to. Two handcap weight: Venborough Lad 7st 7to, Le-BETTING: 3-1 Afabasi, 7-2 Dominer Colf Time, 5-1 Toujours Riviera, 8-1 Veni Vici Vici, Vashorough Lad, 7-1 Saftron Rose, 8-1 Whosever's Right,

5.00 COLERNE APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDI-CAP (CLASS E) EA,025 added 1m 2f 46yds 050702 ONE IN THE EYE (42) J Poulon 4 7 10 R Maries 2 50-000 HAYDOWN (41) M R Bosley 5 7 10 Refit Phillips (7) 3

- 6 declared -Minimum weight 7st 10th. True handleap weight: One in The Eye Tst 7th, Hay-COMP IS 36 BETTING: 7-4 Bonneys Peek, 11-4 Epworth, 3-1 Bellegrans, 4-1 Jean Pierre,

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RACING RESULTS

BRIGHTON

22.15: 1. SLEW MAGIC (D Sweeney) 11.
21 P. Standtol 7-4: 3. Shelabella 13-2. 5
ran, 13-8 tay laybee Siver Lathi. 1/4, 1/4. (W
Rither, Sherborne). Tothe: £8.00: £2.40.
£1.40. Dual Forecast: £5,70. Computer
Straight Forecast: £14.13. The going changed
to Bood after the first race. There was no bid 2.45: 1 RON'S PET (D Sigs) 7-4 fac; 2.

Bine Zola 3-1; 3. Janas Nightongale 25 * THE INDEPENDENT RACING SERVICES LIVE COMMENTARIES PROBLES PONTEFRACT 971 0891 261 970 Calle cost 7thp year quincils. 1.1.5, pilt, Screekon St EC2A 487

1. 8 zen. Hd, 8. (R Hannon, East Everleigh). Tote: £2.30; £1.00, £3.10, £3.80. Dual Forecast £3.90. Computer Straight Forecast

BATH

3.15: 1. GOLDEN POUND (K Fallon) 9-4 fax; 2. tvory's Grab Hire 10.1; 3. Sharp Peerl 6-1, 7 ran. 1%, nt. (Miss Gay Kellemay, Whit-combal: Total: £2.70; £1.60, £3.10. Dust combel: Tote: £2.70: £1.50, £3.10. Dust Forecast £12.40. Computer Straight Forecast £24.15. Tocast: £11.11.1 Time: £17.90. Non Runners: Pride of Heyling & Sharp Imp. 3.46: 1. COLOUR COUNSELLOR (Cone Ohelin 9-2: 2. Runke Symbol 5-1: 3. Zunt 13-8 tev. 8 ram. 6, ½. (R Flower, Josington). Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £1.30, £1.40; Dust Rosert £4.40. Community Straight Forecast.

cast: £14.40, Computer Straight Forecast: £26.54, Thoast: £47.85. Tho: £5.70, Non Burngamata 4.15; 1. LITTLE MASS ROCKER (Martin n.15: 1. LIFILE MRSS ROCKER (Mertin Dwyn) 3-1; 2. Pointe Fine 4-1; 3. High On Life 4-7 tou 3 ran. 1%, rik. III. Baiding. Mingsclere). Tother £3.60. Dual Forecast: £3.30. Computer Straight Forecast: £10.19.

Myggories. Note: 15.00. Data Process: £10.19.
NR: Bathe in Light. Bothe in Light was with-drawn not under orders. No market formed, Rule 4 does not apply.
4.45: 1. HOMESTEAD (Dane O'Neil) 1.00-30 tay: 2, Ed's Folly 4-1; 3. Muera Bay 7-1. 13 rao. 31/1, 11/-. (R Hannon, East Everleigh). Total: £5.10; £2.20, £1.60, £3.50. Qual Forecast: £8.30. Computer

Straight Forecast: £17.48, Tucast: £90,42. Thot: £73.50, Non Romners: Last Ambrion, Rock Fartisty, Secret Strength & Smiling Bess. Placepot: £55.70, Quantpot: £21.50. Place 8: £76.45, Place 8: £28.34.

2.30: 1. EASTERN PURPLE IA CLASTO) 2-1 far; 2. Appyabo 11-2; 3. Cool Prospect 33-1, 19 ran. 4, 4. (R Fahay, Malton). Total 53.70; £2.00, £2.10, £11.00. DF: £24.30. CSF: £11.63. Tric: £80.90.

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spokeswoman.

Epsom's evening meeting was The tough mare has won abandoned due to waterlogging every season since her twofollowing persistent heavy rain. year-old days and was reap-The rain began at around 2.50pm and was still falling when the hard race to finish third io the stewards looked at the course at Schweppes Golden Mile at Glo-5pm and 5.30pm. "There has rious Goodwood. been torrential rain and the

Her trainer, Martyn Wane, course is waterlogged in seversaid: "It's a double celebration. al places," said a racecourse A victory for Pride of Pendle on her 100th outing and I've Darley to lead inside the final reached 10 which is my best furlong.

Pride Of Pendle was the star score in a season.

equine performer of the day at "I was terrified of the small field but we had to run her off Newcastle yesterday, registering her current mark and I'm devictory no the 100th outing of lighted it's come off. her career. The owners have said this Connections almost raised

the roof of the Gosforth Park might be her last season but stand as the mare defeated when you have a horse finish-Night Mirage in the Boots At ing third in the Schweppes you The Metro Centre Limited don't think about retiring.

Retirement is definitely looming for Batabanoo, one of Mary Reveley's favourites, but the old boy demonstrated plenpearing just a week after s ty of zest to secure the Sandy Bay Holiday Park Handicap.

The eight-year-old, owned by Peter Savill, has won eight races over hurdles and was taking his tally on the Flat to 12. He picked up well for Kevin

Pride before fall for Chapot

sport

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Dublin

Laura Chapot made a spectacular debut in her first competition at the Kerrygold Dublin Horse Show yesterday, winning the Kerrygold Welcome Stakes on Aiko XX and then falling after going through the finish. The 25-year-old American's

parents, Frank and Mary, were both top international riders and their daughter won a World Cup qualifier in Florida before her first European victory at Spangenberg in Germany at the

end of last month.
Britain failed to achieve a single clear round - whereas Annick Chenu from France, who had looked to be heading for a hospital bed when she took 8 crashing fall in the morning. jumped clear twice to be runner-up on Backen Platiere.

Three Britons - Di Lampard on Abbervail Dream, Michael Whitaker on Virtual Village Absolom and Geoff Billington on It's Otto - missed the jumpoff through a single error. John Whitaker also had one mistake on Grannusch, but he also incurred a quarter time fault.

Billington had stopped before the third fence, when he realised a pole was already on the ground and dangerously close to the spot where It's Otto was likely to land. Having waited until the pole had been replaced, the horse promptly knocked it to the ground again.
The Kerrygold Speed Stakes

provided another American victory when Beezie Patton on Innocence defeated Ireland's Marion Hughes on Flo Jo by a

MATION Hughes on FIO JO by a commanding 4.33 sec. KENRYGOLD DUBLIN HORSE SHOW: Kerrygold Welcome States: 1 Aleo XX II, Chapot, US) sear. 45 28 sec; 2 Backen Plates: IA Cheru, Fin dear, 48.85; 3 Gyssmo II Friedi, Swid Geor, 49.42. Kerrygold Spaed States: 1 Impocence (B Patton, US) 52.35ec; 2 Po Jo (M Hughes, N 58.85; 8 Burg's Presty Women (B Romp, Neth) 58.76.

England stay on course

Hockey

BILL COLWILL reports from Harare

England remain on course for a semi-final place in the women's World Cup qualifying tournament here following vesterday's thrilling I-1 draw with Japan, but kept their supporters in suspense until the 59th minute when 20 year old Denise Marston-Smith

struck home a penalty. Taken out of their stride by the speed and aggression of the agile Japanese, England owed much to the skill, experience and commitment of Karen Brown to see them through. Japan took the lead in the 14th minute, with Akemi Kato taking England's defence by surprise with a snap-shot from the edge of the circle.

The remainder of the game

was virtually one-way traffic towards the Japanese goal, but England were unable to get past Nima Miyazaki. Relief for England came when Miyazaki saved again from England's 11th penal-ty corner, but Mandy Nicholl's follow-up was stopped by the head of Keiko Miura from going into the net. Marston-Smith confidently converted the penalty.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES Football

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ELITE LEAGUE: Ipswich v King's Lynn (7,30). PREMIER LEAGUE: Shoffield v Stoke (7.45).

Other sports BOWLS: EWBA National Championships EQUESTRIANISM: Dublin Horse Show. GOLF: British Seniors Open Amateur Champ-

TENNES: LTA Satellite (Southsea, Esser).

TODAY'S

NUMBER

The number of players lost by Welsh rugby union ciub Dunvent since the end of last season, following Dean Montan's announcement yesterday of his departure to Rugby.

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Team-by-team guide to the Premiership plants of the Premiership plants



Ootimism abounds at lighbury, but Arsene Venger could find this season more demanding than last. Then he ras able to delay rebuilding as the old guard. liberated by his expansive philosophy, one last tilt at the title Having successfully

introduced new habits he is now looking integrate new players and has bought extensively from abroad with Marc Overmars the summer's most exciting signing, lan Wright may be replaced soon but, with supporters still mourning Paul Merson's exit, Wenger will first allow him time to break Cliff Bastin's record.

With Bergkamp in prime form Arsenal will be entertaining to watch which is an More tangible success may follow in the cups possibly in Europe.

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Consolidated their position as one of the Premiership's better sides last season with out ever looking like making the step up to lengers. Like Liverpool before them, Villa have thus decided Stan Colymore will make the

With Collymore, Savo Milosevic and Dwight Yorke apparent ly destined to play in harness they will be how well will the trio Joachim, whose career has stagnated? Goalscoring was a weakness last season, but the fault was in midfield rather than further forward and there has been no in-

In goal Mark Bosnich needs a better season. and not just between the sticks. Will hope to do better in Europe but domestic cups may be their best bet.

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In the Premiership on ment having played neat, intelligent footbal with plenty of spirit -just like their manager did. Even so, one fears that of Swindon's, with their ambition being betrayed by their ability

There are reasona for ptimism. Unlike Swindon, they have retained their manager and best players. The British players are an interest ing mix of wouthful promise and hardearned experience but there could now be too many foreigners to Instill the team spirit which dld so much for Leicester, Then again. the likes of Clint Mar-

celle and Arjan de Zeeuw were key figure last seeson and Eric Tinkler is no dilettante. Neutrals will be behind them, but it may

Manager: Danny Wildon Coaches: Eric Winstanley, Peter Shirtiff

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The days of King Kenny and the title are e fading memory but Roy of the Rovers could turn the spotlight back to East Lancashire. After forging an impressive managerial career over seas, Roy Hougson has returned to England eager to erase the memo-

spell at Bristol City. He arrives at a club which has stood still. There remains money aplenty but it is harder to attract big names to Blackburn now that every club offers ludicrous wages. They have landed good rather than outstanding names. A surprising number

ry of a brief, III-fated

of Dalgish's side remain and they form the basis for a decent side but championship dreams will have to wait auhile.

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division, but that applied two years ago and they went straight down. They do seem better prepared and will be lifted by the new

They will regret being denied Peter Beardsley, he may be ageing but he has never lacked enthusiasm or football intelligence. He would also have had plenty of Scandinavian energy elongside him as well as two other skilful former Magpies, Scott. Sellars and Alan Thompson.

One problem is that the Reebok Stadium will not be ready until September, It will be very impressive when it opens, but the delay means the Wanderers start with three away games and a blank. By the time they return home they could be struggling for points

Manager: Chin Todd Coach: Phil Brown serves: Steve Carrol

and confidence.

ter Robbie Elilott (Newcastie) £2.5m, Neil Cer (Madfesbrough) £1,5m, Amer Gunnlaugsson (Ales-nes, Ice) £100,000 Out: Scott Grean (Wigan) 1300,000, David Lee (Wigan) 1250,000, Menu Pautelemen (Wohes) £250,000 Capeelty: 25,000 Ticled prices: £13, £16, £18 Credit card bookings: 01204 Liet especit: 1st (First Diveron)

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ment. Paul Hughes and

Mike Duberry continue

to survive the Influx.

There are also.

doubts, as with Arse

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and how deeply sup-

porters can identify with

For now the fans are

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Like everyone else, Gordon Strachan has bought foreign but, unlike his predecessors, he has signed the musty Scandinavians, not exotic Brazilians, Ghanalans and Zimbab weans. Strachan badly needs Gary McAllister to produce his best form and must hope Steve Ogrizovic contin-

ues to defy the years. Having gone against history and predicted they would avoid the relegation scramble last season, I won't be so rash again...

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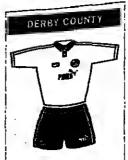
Last May ,chairman Ron Noades promised Palace would not be filling the team with foreigners. He wanted a team of Britons which would foster the sort of team spirit Leicester created. However, a few calls to Nationwide League clubs later, Steve Coppell was off to the airport.

Noades' fears about "foreign mercenaries" seemed justified Attilio Lombardo's demands, but he and Palace eventually agreed. They have also signed an Icelander and chase an Israeli but neither they, nor Paul Warhurst, are likely to replace David Hopkin and they look short of quality.

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The bid for Roberto Baggio emphasised County's ambition and Stefano Eranio and Francesco Baiano represent e reasonable next best. The most important signing, however, was Dean Stumdge agreeing a new contract yesterday

At least the Croatians, Igor Stimac and Aljosa Asanovic, appear to be satisfied with the club's direction both physically - to glearning new Pride Park - and mentally - towards the upper reaches of the Premiership.

They could make further strides towards that under Jim Smith's shrewd management now that Sturnidge is

Paulo Cesar Wanchope, who announced himself so dramatically at Old Trafford last April, could be worth watching. An outside het for the FA Cuo but also for relegation.

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equally unhappy summer. Rejected by putative managers and prospective players alike. Everton appear to have lost their lustre. The support remains impressive but there is: festering discontent about both the direction of the team and ...

the club. Howard Kendall can tap into a deep residue of good. will, but so could Joe Royle...

Slaven Bilic will provide much-needed solidity to a back four : over-reliant on the ageing Dave Watson. There are some promising young players, notably Michael Branch, John Oster and Tony Grant; but a lack of quality." It does not help that

it, like Nick Barmby and Duncan Ferguson, rarely perform. Manager: Howard Kendali serves: Colm Harvey

those players that have

tes: Slaven Blic (West Ham) EA.5m, John Oster (Grimsbyr E1.5m, Greeth Farreth, (Aston, Villa), E700.000, Yony Thomas (Transnew) £400,000

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Leeds are alleged to have scored six goals it one match while on tour in Norway, which is about as likely as sameone receiving £140 500 in used readles thinking: "What a Christmas present

Having fulfilled his initial brief, bringing or der to the defence. George Graham now has the more demanding task of gilding flair on to the discipline and producing goals. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Bruno Ribeiro have been brought in to do that, but it is midfield which looks significant sprengthened through David Hopkin and Alf Inge Haland.

Manager: George Graham Assistant: David O'Leary Assistant: David V Coach: John Dungworth Receives: David William

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what can be achieved through organisation and team spirit, but now they have to do it all again, it will more difficult now teams know what to expect and second-season motivation, so necessary for all that running will require all Martin O'Neill's inspirational skills. He has begun by putting faith in his

eam, adding just Rob-Should he emulate his fellow Crewe graduate Neil Lennon, Savage will have been a good purchase, but hanging on to Emile Heskey may have been the manager's best move. Given Leicester's strength, team unity.

luctance to add foreign players to the mix. Europe will be an inresting distraction, but it is hard to imagine them going far.

there may be a lesson

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Captain: Steve Walsh In: Robbie Savage (Crewe £400,000 Out: Simon Grayson (Aston Villa £1.35m, Jame Lawrence (Bradiot City) £80,000 Capacity: 21,500 Ticket prices for home sup-porters: £13,50-£22 (edults), £7-£11 (concessions) Season ticket prices: 13,000 evalleble: £295-£480 (adults) £150-£240 (concessions) Ticket enquiries: 0116 291 529

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This must be the season and Roy Evans knows it. The "Spice Boys" image has been cracked down upon and the midfield pussy footing addressed. Steel and drive have been added in Paul Ince and Owind Leon hardsen and Stan Colwww.vers.unsettling

Karlheinz Riedle is another inspired signing. Like Ince he knows how to win a champonship. Even Fowler's early injury is partially covered for by Michael Owen's promise. The where David James still looks vuinerable.

If they can improve their home form - 21 points drooped - they will oush Mancheste United all the way and in O'Neill's epparent reif fortune favours them with injuries and other commitments they may

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Favourites again and deservedly so. Last year was the fourth Premier ship title in five and not even a roller-coaster ride to the semi-final of the European Cup could distract them. Their rivals look

stronger this year, but so do United despite the failure, so far, to sign central defensive cover. Teddy Sheringham is a fair reotace ment for Eric Cantona the young players are a year older and Jordi Cruyff and Karel Pobor sky are better prepared for the Premiership. Liverpool will push

them close domestical ly but, assuming they avoid serious injury to Roy Keane and Peter Schmeichel, United have the resilience to hold them off. Close to the best in Europe, but will need luck to surpass last season's run.

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Alan Shearer's Injury cast a pall over Tyneside and, with Les Ferdinand also departing, it is hard to see Kenny Daiglish coming any closer to landing that elusive title than Kevin

Keegan did. Before Shearer went down at Goodison. Daiglish looked to be building an promising side with several litter esting signings. They will still be on the fringe but are more likely to be a threat in the FA Cup, in which Shearer may yet play a part, than the championship.

Daigish will be hoping to improve on his European record as manager, while spectators will be hooning he produces a team more like his old Liverpool ones than the side he created at Blackburn Rovers.

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The signing of Paolo di Canio underlines the growing ambition at Hilisborough. David Pleat has crafted a useful side who were unjucky to miss out on Europe last season. and will be pushing again for a place this

time_ Some tangible success may lift the image of a club which, despite recent Wembley appearances, e magnificent stadium and media-friendly manage continues to be regard-This meant Benito

Carbone's impressive contribution to the overseas influx was not appreciated more widely. He should be even better this year as should young Richie Humphreys. If David Hirst stays free of injury a big ask – and Des Walker's legs keep moving. Wednesday wil again be a threat to апуопе_

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More unheaval down at The Dell with their fifth manager in as many seasons. David Jones could not be more of a contrast to Graeme Sourcess but a modest playing career and apprentice may be just what Southampton

Southampton was his overseas contacts and although they have lost Eval Berkovitch he bequeeths Egil other useful foreigners Jones has looked to the lower leagues to further strengthen the moc. As usual much will

Sourcess's asset for

depend on the marcurial Matt Le Tissier who will be missed as he recovers from a broken arm in the early weeks. Much, the boardroom where Rupert Lowe is yet to has the club's interests at heart.

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Plenty of fine players, it only they were not so often injured. David Ginola may give Tottenham a season, as he did Newcastle, and Les Ferdinand is sure to prosper under Gerry Francis, Add Steffe Iversen and Chris Arm strong and there should

be plenty of goal threat. Much, however, depends on whether Dan ren Anderton is fit to add guile to a prosaic midfield. If he is, Spurs could produce the attacking football they are associated with and results to match. If not, it could be another season of drudgery though at least the defence is looking more secure.

Another club with an interesting opening. with Teddy Sheringham and Manchester United coming to the Lane on Sunday...

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Has Harry Redknapp finally got the blend right, or will they struggle again? Paul Kitson and John Hartson turned them around last year and, with Eyal Berkovitch behind them, will continue to score goals. Midfield, too, looks

well balanced, with the under-rated John Moncur supported by the busy new signing Andy Impey and the driving Steve Lomas. Problems, however, at the back with Slaven Bilic gone and Julian

Dicks and Tim Breacker injured. Richard Hall needs to settle well and Marc Rieper rediscover his best form. a new home...

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Awful Agas



as the Premiershio's minnows, and not before time. If they can retain their unique spirit while absorbing new Norwegian investment. they could make last year's fine season a pletform rather than a

Marie .

Oyvind Leonhardsen, inevitably, has gone, with Cen Hughes billed as the replacement. While midfield may be. weaker, the defence. where Chris Perry, Dean Blackwell and Nell Sullivan should continue to mature, looks solid. Ben Thatcher, having been injured last season, is

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It was said of Clough that he played all the angles before they started playing him, which meant never allowing his word to be questioned

One of the hets you can strike today relates to what the future holds for some Premier League managers. If history is anything to go by at least two or three, maybe more, will be seeking employmeot elsewhere before the coming season is

The Premier League is rich and cut above those who were appointed on the flimsy basis of playing prowess, but that does not make them more secure or less likely to have their sanity questioned.

Last season saw the departure, for one reason or another, of Bruce Rioch (Arsenal), Frank Clark (Nottingham Forest), Ray Harford without souring although it often

(Blackburn), Joe Royle (Everton). Ron Atkinson (Coventry) and Kevin Keegan (Newcastle). If you think things will be different this time around, then fancy has turned your mind to butter.

Without lusting to find out personally. I suppose that a football its image makers are skilful. Word durance, uncertain sleep and shredis current that managers now are a ded patience. In time they are sure to be instructed on their unimportance. One manager of my acquaintance came under so much pressure that he could not bear to read the Sunday sports pages. They're st it again, his wife would call from the foot of the stairs.

erwise he will end up sitting in them. I was recently talking about all this with some other fellows from the old school. It was generally agreed that while financial trends have made football management more difficult there

takes retirement to mellow them.

The very best acquired a PhD in self-

quired to win or come close. A drea-

ry team loses games and money. The

game has never been more fashion-

able but there is still a need to sell tick-

ets. The components of victory,

that prerequisite to football sales-

manship, remain complex. A man-

ager formulates the game plan. He selects the team and had better ig-nore criticism from the stands oth-

Now, as always, managers are re-

education and were pragmatists.



are reasons to suppose that great figures from the past would have got on top of the problems. "Players today have a lot more independence," one of my companions said, "but if men

like Jock Stein, Bill Shankly and Brian Clough were in the game today I can't imagine they would stand for the unties we hear and read about."

They and others established a line that players crossed at their peril. They worked on the basis that football is neither simple nor scholarly and it was unwise to place too much trust in their charges. It was said of Clough that he played all the angles before they started playing him, which meant never allowing his word to be questioned.

Famnusly, many years ago, Stan Cullis of Wniverhamptoo Wanderers learned from a reporter that his entire first team were planning transfer requests. There was some substance in this, but the Wolves

players, fearing Cullis's wrath, denied it when he confronted them. It is tempting to conclude that foot-ball's changing audience make the manager's job more demanding than Cullis or any of his contemporaries could possibly have imagined. Many of today's judgements are so shrill, impulsive, and often inaccurate that whatever serious message lies with-

in is cancelled. Alf Ramsey's message,

"Managers get too much praise and

therefore too much hlame", is for-

Players win and lose matches but players, for reasons that the game's marketeeers can supply without a moment's hesitation, are seldom called to account across the airwaves and in mass circulation newspapers.

The singular reality of football management is that it leads usually tn conflict; if not with supporters then with players or directors. Without any great effort you can list the oegatives. Alex Ferguson knew them the day he took up the job, but has proved the power of his persuasion and what an asset hardness can be. Ferguson didn't get to where he is by yielding to a star system and the quite ludicrous idea that allowances are now necessary in matters of discipline.

In many respects Ferguson represents virtues that are being chased out of the game to its detriment. The important thing for his profession is that his management style is one only people of unsound mind would bet

Wednesday sign £4.5m Di Canio

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Sheffield Wednesday broke their transfer record yesterday when they signed Paolo Di Canio from Celtic in a £4.5m

player-plus-cash deal.

Wednesday have bought the Italian for £3m, their Dutch winger Regi Blinker making up the rest of the package with a move in the opposite direction.

Dean Sturridge will not be moving anywhere, however. The Derby striker, who appeared determined to leave the club earher in the summer, signed a new four-year deal yesterday. Sturridge, 24, turned down a similar deal st the start of the summer and attracted interest from Arsenal. Middlesbrough. Leeds and Tottenham when he was put on the transfer list. But Derby's £7m valuation put most of the clubs off, and now Sturridge, who will miss the opening games after a cartilage operation, has committed his future to Derby until 2001.

The Football Association of Wales has extended Bohby

two years. His contract will now run until 31 December. 1999, covering the qualifying group matches for the next Eu-

ropean Championships. Wales have already failed to reach next summer's World Cup finals, and Gould has had to survive a move by a minority of councillors for a change.

Gould yesterday named a squad for the World Cup game against Turkey on 20 August with Wimbledoo's Vinnie Jones - his captain in the Netherlands last season - only on the stand-by list.

Southampton have completed the signing of the Norwegian international striker Stig Johansen from Bodo Glimmt in a deal worth £600,000. The Saints manager, David Jones, is hoping to gain international clearance in time for the 25-year-old to be available for the opening day match at home to Bolton. The Estonian captain, Marek

Lemsalu, has joined Liverpool on a week's trial. The 24-yearold centre-hack is currently with the German Second Division side FSV Mainz.

Gould's contract for a further derland full-back Dariusz Kubicki nn a free transfer, and are set to pay £250,000 for Bolton striker Mixu Paatelainen. Tony Thomas is expected to complete a move from Tranmere Rovers to Everton. The 26-year-old rightback will cost £400,000, which

could rise by a further £250,000 depending on appearances. Barnsley yesterday complet-cd the £750,000 signing of left wing-back Darren Barnard

from Bristol City. Second Division Walsall were due to sign the former French Under-21 striker Roger Boli yesterday. Boli, whose last club was Le Havre, is expected to make his debut in Saturday's game with Chesterfield.

Lee Sharpe may miss the first two months of the season, Leeds' former England winger twisted his knee in his side's 1-0 friendly defeat at Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

Colin Hendry has made a surprise comeback from injury for Blackburn Rovers just three weeks after an ankle operation. The Scotland centre-back has declared himself fit for the game Wolves have signed the Sun- against Derby on Saturday.



Hobday and Louis prosper

Salling

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Cowes

The smaller classes yesterday saw their racing cancelled sgain in Cowes Week, and now must be wondering what they have done to deserve only one day's

sailing in five.
The weather just will not cooperate and the prospects for the remainder of the week are less than hopeful. Nothing, however, could take the shine off the smiles of Tim Louis and Kit Hobday, the winners of the Britannia Cup, oce of the most coveted prizes.

Their new, John Corbydesigned 41-footer, Independent Bear, had nearly an 11minute margin over Philip Tolhurst in Warlord, one of the new Farr 40s. Stephen Bailey's BH41 Arbitrator finished third.

The big boats simply could oot save their time in the light conditions on the eastern Solent course. From the wrangling after the last pair of Admiral's Cup races in Christchurch Bay, Pinta, the German team's 40-footer, was penalised 1.25 points over an incident involving Britain's 45-footer, Corum

That moved them from second place, three-cighths of a point ahead of the New Zealanders, to third, five-eighths of a 1. The American 7 Scandinavia 174.

Mumm 36, Jameson, was forhidden further use of a new mainsail, introduced after the time limit, but her results stand. Today the seven national

three-hoat teams io the Admiral's Cup face s short offshore course, which may not be offshore at all hut a circumnavigation of the east end of the Isle of Wight.

Expected to race on the same course, if there is enough breeze to tempt them, are the Maxis and four Whitbread 60s - Merit Cup, Silk Cut, Kvaerner Innovation and Brunel Sunergy who are warming up for the Fastnet Race on Saturday. The final two races account for more than one third of points. There

is much to play for. Last night the Royal Ocean Racing Club came under criticism at the first of what may be many meetings to discuss the future format of the Cup.

The main conflict is between those who want costs to be reduced to allow more competing nations and those who want to maintain grand prix standards and exclusivity.

The high-cost 40-footers are secused of being the problem. However, they point out that the Admiral's Cup costs 45 per cent of their annual budget.

CHAMPAGNE MUMM ADMIRAL'S CUP revised standings after seven races: 1 United States 90pts; 2 New Zealand 105.63; 3 Germany 106.5; 4 Australia 115.63; =5 Great Britain, Italy, 117.5; 7 Septiment 176.

Awful Agassi set for a fall

Tennis

Andre Agassi's unhappy year - continued at the ATP Championship in Ohio when he was as he overwhelmed Agassi in less thrashed by the French Open champion, Gustavo Kuerten. The former world No 1, twice seed took the first set in 24 mina winner of the tournament, was utes, swept to a 5-0 lead in the beaten 6-3, 6-1 in the first round, the seventh successive time he has lost at that stage this year.

will plummet. He went into the great on court. I just want to keep tournament ranked No 33, but will drop to somewhere in the mid-70s when the next set of rankings are issued on Monday avenged her Wimbledon defeat - his lowest position since 1986. by Anna Kournikova when she wheo he finished his first year as humbled the Russian teenager a professional 91st in the world. 6-0, 6-1 in the first round of the

trying to get to the ball and not make an error. I feel like a dif-Steffi Graf at last year's US ferent player out there and Open. that's not good."

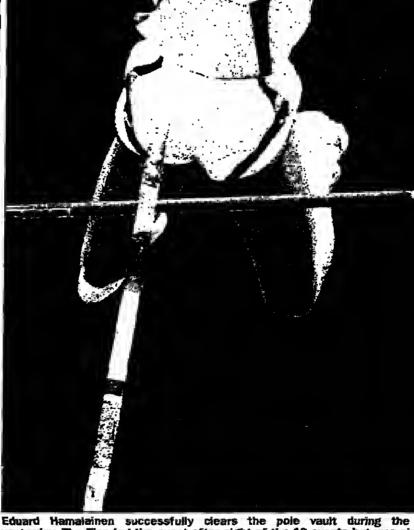
Kuerten built up the pressure than an hour to reach the second round. The Brazilian 10th second in 16 more minutes, and wrapped up victory two games later after just 45 minutes on Tuesday's defeat ensures that the American's ATP ranking dence," Kuerten said. "I felt playing like that. I feel very solid in my game."
The German Anke Huber

"I've got to get my court Acura Classic in California. sense back," Agassi said. "I Huber, the sixth seed, handed cannot feel my game and im- Kournikova the worst defeat of pose it. I'm just surviving shots, her professional career - sur- obviously I can't."

"Well I lost to her in Wimbledon, so sure I'm a little bit surprised that it was so easy," Huber said. "She started a little hit nervous, she missed a lot of easy balls. And I didn't let her into the match. I made her run a lot, which she doesn't like."

. Huber's powerful groundstrokes were decisive, and Kournikova won only one point on her own serve in the first set which lasted 16 minutes. Kournikova, who is limited to 13 tournaments this year because she is 16, was playing her first tournament sioce she reached the semi-finals at Wimhledoo.

"It's very hard to prepare without playing any tourna-ment matches." Kournikova said. "I want to play more, but



Eduard Hamalainen successfully clears the pole vault during the decathlon yesterday. The Finn led the event after eight of the 10 events but was pipped to the gold by the Czech Tomas Dvorak

Photograph: Lionel Cironneau/AP

Richmond boycott row Dunbar Premiership match of the

Rugby Union

Richmond's seven-strong contingent of Welsh internationals look certain to boycott the opening international match of the season against Romania at

Wrexham on August 30. Lions Scott Quinnell, Allan Bateman and Barry Williams, along with fellow internationals John Davies, Andy Moore, Adrian Davies and Craig Quinnell, are urgently seeking a meeting with the Welsh Rugby Union to discuss the terms of during the season and for a their playing contracts for the new season following a club v tiooal. Terry Cohner, Wales' country conflict of interests.

new campaign, the London der-by against Saracens at Vicarage Road on Sunday, August 31. A spokesman for the players said: "We all think it's very im-portant that Richmond get off

to a good start in the league. We owe it to our team-mates to make ourselves available to Richmond. The Romania match shouldn't have been arranged on an English League weekend."

The WRU contract requires country conflict of interests.

The Romania fixture clashes with Richmond's second Allied director of rugby, reminded all squad players of their contractual obligations last week.

##GOT 200 metres: Pleat round (qualifiers only): Heat 1: 1.A Boldon (Irm) 20.48; 2.D Walker (GB) 20.49; 3.G Panagetopoulos (Gr) 20.80; 4.D Alu (Ngr) 20.60; 8.D Canbors (Can) 20.72; 6.E Tuffour (Grap 20.72; 2.F Fredericks (Nam) 20.72; 5.E Tuffour (Grap 20.72; 2.F Fredericks (Nam) 20.72; 6.E Tuffour (Grap 20.72; 2.D Thompson (Ban 20.75; 9.F Massamona (Cyp) 20.77; Heat 4: 1.S Insulant (Lat 20.72; 2.D Thompson (Ban 20.49; 3.C Control Ital 20.90; 4.D Tuffour (Ban 20.75; 9.F Massamona (Cyp) 20.77; Heat 4: 1.P Stevers (Beh 20.45; 2.) Golding (GB) 20.49; 3.C Control Ital 20.90; 4.D Tuffour (US) 20.76; 9.D Tuffour (US) 20.772.

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Cycling
Nicola Mineli, of Italy, who won two stages of this year's Tour de France, won the 163.6Mm first stage of the Tour of Denmark yesterday.

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Max Sciandri, of Britelin, was edged out by the Ukrainaan Alexandre Conticientor in a sprint finish in the Camaiore Grand Prix in trally yesterday, Russia's Viercheslav Djavanian was third.

Football

International call-ups mean that Sundefend's game against Manchester City at the Stadium of Light has been brought forward to Friday 15 August. Jo Hughes, the 78-year-old North Wales representative, was appointed president of the Football Association of Weles year-day. Hughes, from Anglesey, takes over from Brian Feet.

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Gough leaves England in a tight spot

DEREK PRINGLE

Cricket Correspondent reports from Trent Bridge

England go into today's fifth Test match here knowing that nothing short of victory can keep their Holy Grail - of regaining the Ashes - alive. With two Tests of the series remaining, England trail Australia two matches to ooe. But if the clarity of their quest will help to concentrate minds and bodies over the next five days, the absence of Darren Gough, their leading wicket-taker in the series, has reduced morale at the worst possible moment. Indeed, a win over Australia now has probably

inflamed from the Headingley Test - an injury exacerbated by two recent games for Yorkshire - it did not take long yesterday for Gough to rule himself out. In fact he managed just 12 halls before pronouncing it "sore" and unlikely to last the rigours

of a five-day Test match. "It's heartbreaking," said the fast bowler later, as England prepared without him for the first time in nine Tests. Lamenting his latest injury, he added: "I've al-ready missed enough Test cricket for my whole career."

With 16 wickets so far in the series, England will badly miss his striking ability, although

never seemed quite so difficult.
Having arrived with his knee

Devon Malcolm, his likely replacement, bowled well earlier placement, bowled well earlier in the series before he was dropped. Less easy to replace though will be Gough's unfet-tered energy. Like others in this England side, he has his faults, though lack of effort and en-

thusiasm are not among them. Injury is sport's cruellest foe, for it can turn fortune on its head. Not so long ago, England had both Gough and Dominic Cork doing their bidding for them. However, when Cork became injured earlier in the season, it was noticeable that Gough thrived on his absence, especially at Edg-baston where he bowled superbly. With the Yorkshireman now missing, England will hope

one or two of the other bowlers become similarly inspired.

It was a point Taylor also reinforced, pointing out the sudden improvements made by Glenn McGrath, after Australia lost two of their front line bowlers, Craig McDermott and Damien Fleming, before their last Test series in the West Indies.

Indeed inspiration is the word on everyone's lips, and surely the main reason why the Hollioake brothers were selected, when perhaps county form dictated otherwise.

Yesterday, it was not certain if both would play, as England, toying with the possibility of playing two spinners, had still not decided the final balance of their

longer than Adam to make his debut. In a match where the Aussie batsmen have to be kept on a tight leash, the risk of playing him as a third seamer will be

seen as too great a gamble. Mind you, if only one spinner plays, England will not only have its second-ever teenage debutant, but a fifth set of Test playing brothers as well, a feat last performed in 1957 when Peter and Dick Richardson played against the West Indies.

But while the move scores highly for imagination and front, it will leave England's bowling without much variety, save for

batting on in England," such a uniform attack will simply be asking for trouble.

In contrast to the uncertainty over their final line-up, Australia will field a side unchanged from the one which won so comfortably at Headingley. Continuity apart, they will also be bolstered - if only subconsciously by the fact that the absence of any result will be sufficient to keep the Ashes Down Under for

at least another two years. Mark Taylor, mindful of his and his team's reputation for attacking cricket, is insistent that playing for a draw was never fur-

attack. If both Tufnell and Croft do play, then it is probable that Ben will have to wait a while scribed as "normally the best for length of the last two matches are drawn". As it is almost three years since Australia drew a match not affected by the weather, there is a fair chance he will be right.

It is a view more or less shared by the England captain who, striving to overcome the disappointment of Gough's withdrawal, held one of his most upbeat press conferences of the series.

"It is true that as the series has gone on, their confidence has got igher, while ours has been dented," Atherton said. "But confidence is a short-lived and fragile thing and if we can seize the initiative on the first day those things can change quickly. If we can win

They are bold words, especially when you consider that to win here now, England will not only have to overcome a formidable foe - something they have managed only three times in 17 Tests against Australia at Trent Bridge - but do it with-out their best bowler.

As Lord MacLaurin stated during the presentation of his blueprint on Tuesday: "The tougher the competition the better the game." As England pursue victory over the next five days, that assertion will surely be put to the test.

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WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: The coming man of middle-distance running announces his arrival to eclipse Morceli

El Guerrouj finds the gold groove

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Hicham El Guerrouj bad warned everyone beforehand: "I

am going to erase the memory of Atlanta." He was as good as

The coming man in middledistance running finally arrived last night, defeating the great Noureddine Morceli over 1500 metres to claim the world championship a year and three days after his trip at the bell had put him out of contention in the Olympic final.

As the 22-year-old Moroccan crossed the line in 3min 35.83sec, his smile of gathering delight gave way to a look of awe as he put his hands to his face and then sank on to his knees to kiss the ground. Swiftly, his supporters arrived to drape him in the national flag and conduct him on his lap of honour. It was a routine Morceli has come to know well over the record-breaking years.

But after last night's final he was just another solitary runner with his hands on his hips.

The meeting between El Guerrouj and the 27-year-old Algerian over the metric mile was anticipated as keenly the metric milers of the past, the 1997 version of Ovett versus

Coe, or Keinn versus Ryun. After his calamity of last year, El Guerrouj made certain he was clear to run at the bell. and his surge turned the bunched field into a stretched one. Only Morceli, and Spain's 1992 Olympic champion Fermin Cacho, attempted to stay with him. The contest was over by the time the Moroccan reached the finishing straight, and while

ACROSS

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Bouncing cheque written by General around mid-Octo-

ber produces resentment (7)
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Cacho took silver in 3:36.63, Morceli drifted out of the medals in the final 10 metres, being caught by Cacho's com-patriot Reyes Estevez. It felt like the changing of the guard, Morceli, who bolds the world

records for 1500m, 2,000m and the mile, has had a torrid year. He arrived here for his opening heat after attending the funeral back home of his 23-year-old brother, Abdul Kader, who died on 26 July, having been hit by a

His fortunes on the track have also been troubled. After pulling up in his \$1.5m two-mile challenge against Haile Ge-brselassie in Hengelo on May 31, he subsequently discovered that be was suffering from anaemia. The after-effects, he claimed, had undermined his fitness. and El Guerrouj beat him over 1500m in Paris last month.

Even his appearance in yes terday's final was fraught, as he became involved in a dispute over displaying sponsor's logos. For El Guerrouj, however, the moment had been seized. As his

rolled down both his cheeks. Haile Gebrselassie, who had dropped out of these championships and back into them at least twice in the previous two months, retained his 10,000

metres title with an unanswer-

able burst of speed 600 metres Covering the distance in around 83 seconds, the tiny Ethiopian put a distance of 20 metres between himself and his nearest challengers, Paul Tergat of Kenya and Morocco's Salah Hissou, recording 27min

24.58sec. Gebrselassie, who had been

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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Getting in deep, like Queen Mary? (5-5)

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Hicham El Guerrouj, of Morocco, celebrates winning the 1500 metres final at the World Athletics Championships in Athens last night

track which he considered too hard, ran in shoes last night, but that did not appear to compromise his tippy-toe style drastically.

Hissou, from whom Gebrselassie recovered the world 10,000m record last month, was unable to remain in contention very unwilling to run on a once the Ethiopian made his

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Massages figures, reportedly, to meet requirements (5)
Girl's witty remark (5)
Shock for star, taken apart by tabloid leader (4)

move. He must have wished the International Amateur Athletic Federation had not put such pressure on Gebrselassie to

make an appearance. Wilson Kipketer, seeking a \$100,000 bonus here for hreaking Seb Coe's 16-year-old 800m record, reached tomorrow's final with an ease which drew mur-

murs of admiration. At the bell, he cruised past the field on the outside like a Ferrari overtaking before slowing to win his semi-final in 1.46.14. The IAAF's sponsors might as well get the

money ready now. A quarter of an hour later, 3,000m steeplechase title, out-

sprinting his fellow Kenyan, the defending champion Moses Kip-

Phenomenal as the 800m man is, he has not taken up the steeplechase yet - this was Wilsoo Boit Kipketer, oo relation, and making his first appearance Wilson Kipketer also won the in the World Championships. Results, photograph page 23

Gunnell's career in jeopardy once again

ing come to Athens with doubts

over his fitness - a heel injury

has prevented him competing

for five weeks - he qualified for

tomorrow's triple jump final

with his first attempt - 17.28m. A safe landing after what be de-

scribed as "a step in the dark".

"I feel good," he said. "Every-thing is OK". Tomorrow will

Dalton Grant carried

Britain's hopes in the high jump

final following the failure of the injured Olympic bronze medal-list, Steve Smith, to qualify. He

did so with characteristic

courage, not to mention ec-ceotricity. Grant, whose arrival

at the championships was de-

layed because of food poisoo-ing, rationed his effort with a

in the final as he passed every

height before clearing at 2.32m

- higher than anyone else has

macaged at a first attempt. In-

deed, that ucofficial record

He set a world record of sorts

gambler's skill.

show whether he is right.

Sally Gunnell's career, an increasingly frail thing in the last three years, is io questioo once again following her withdraw-al from the World Championships because of a calf strain, writes Mike Rowbottom.

The 31-year-old British team captain scratched from yesterday's second round of the 400 metres hurdles because of a calf strain she had picked up in her opening heat. The decision was made after the failure of intensive physiotherapy to get the leg to a point where she

could rely oo it.
"I don't know whether this is the end," she said. "I want to make a decision at the end of the season. But the last thing I wanted was to pull up injured here. I'm not goiog to go home. I aim 10 get some more treatment and maybe do some races at the end of the season."

Gunnell, who was unable to defend her title at the last World Championships because of an Achilles tendon injury, has a traumatic memory of the Olympics. wheo she was carried in tears from the track after failing to complete her semi-final. She prefers to leave the global championship scene with dignity.

The announcement of her withdrawal from last night's stood to himself following his semi-finals caused a murmur of disappointment around the sta-

dium. The woman who has held Olympic, world, Euro-On that occasion Graot fin pean and Commonwealth titles ished fourth on countback. This still commands a place of retime he could not get as close, spect in the world of athletics. failing to clear his next beight There was happier news for of 2.35m to end up fourth again
- a position he shared with Nor-Britain's sole defending cham-pion, Jooathan Edwards. Hav-

way's European champion, Steioar Hoen. The gold went to Cuba's Javier Sotomayor, free of the injuries which compromised his challenges at the last World Championships and last sum-mer's Olympics, who cleared

The 110m hurdles semi-finals were a mixed experience for Britain, Tooy Jarrett, the British champion, failed to qualify after making a poor start and hitting his first hurdle. But Colin Jackson, who has won only one race all season, continues to show the kind of form he has not exhibited since 1994, when he added the Commonwealth and Euro-

pean titles to his world gold. Jacksoo beat the defending champion, Allen Johnson of the United States, to reach today's final as fastest qualifier io 13.24sec. It would be something iodeed as the last surviving champion trio of 1993 were he to wio acother medal after three years in the wilderness.

competitor of Britain's world

clearance of 2.31m at the 1991 But it looks as though that is World Championships, where what is going to happen.

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